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p[1] or **P** (pē) ***n.***, *pl.* **p's, P's** the 16th letter of the English alphabet

p[2] *abbrev.* **1** page **2** participle **3** past **4** per **5** pint

P[1] *abbrev.* petite

P[2] *Chem. symbol for* phosphorus

pa (pä) ***n.*** [Inf.] FATHER

PA *abbrev.* **1** Pennsylvania **2** public address (system)

pab·lum (pab′ləm) ***n.*** [< *Pablum*, trademark for a soft, bland baby food] simplistic or bland writing, ideas, etc.

PAC ***n.***, *pl.* **PAC's** political action committee

pace (pās) ***n.*** [< L *passus,* a step] **1** a step in walking, etc. **2** the length of a step or stride **3** the rate of speed in walking, etc. **4** rate of progress, etc. **5** a gait **6** the gait of a horse in which both legs on the same side are raised together —***vt.*** **paced, pac′ing** **1** to walk back and forth across **2** to measure by paces **3** to set the pace for (a runner, etc.) —***vi.*** **1** to walk with regular steps **2** to move at a pace: said of a horse — **put through one's paces** to test one's ability, skills, etc. —**pac′er** ***n.***

pace′mak′er ***n.*** **1** one that leads the way: also **pace′set′ter** (-set′ər) **2** an electronic device placed in the body to regulate the heartbeat

pach·y·derm (pak′ə dʉrm′) ***n.*** [< Gr *pachys,* thick + *derma,* skin] a large, thick-skinned, hoofed animal, as the elephant or rhinoceros

pach·y·san·dra (pak′ə san′drə) ***n.*** [< ModL name of genus] a low, hardy evergreen plant often used for a ground cover in the shade

pa·cif·ic (pə sif′ik) ***adj.*** [see PACIFY] **1** making peace **2** of a peaceful nature; tranquil; calm

Pa·cif·ic (pə sif′ik) largest of the earth's oceans, between Asia and the American continents

pac·i·fi·er (pas′ə fī′ər) ***n.*** **1** one that pacifies **2** a nipple or teething ring for babies

pac′i·fism′ (-fiz′əm) ***n.*** opposition to the use of force under any circumstances; specif., refusal to participate in war — **pac′i·fist** ***n., adj.***

pac·i·fy (pas′ə fī′) ***vt.*** **-fied′, -fy′ing** [< L *pax*, peace + *facere*, make] to make peaceful, calm, nonhostile, etc. —**pac′i·fi·ca′tion** ***n.***

pack[1] (pak) ***n.*** [< MDu *pak*] **1** a bundle of things tied up for carrying **2** a number of similar persons or things; specif., *a*) a group *[a pack of lies] b*) a package of a standard number *[a pack* of cigarettes*] c*) a number of wild animals living together —***vt.*** **1** to make a pack of **2** *a*) to put together in a box, trunk, etc. *b*) to fill (a box, etc.) **3** to crowd; cram *[the hall was packed]* **4** to fill in tightly, as for prevention of leaks **5** to carry in a pack **6** to send (*off*) *[to pack* him off to school*]* **7** [Slang] to carry (a gun, etc.) **8** [Slang] to be able to deliver (a punch, etc.) with force —***vi.*** **1** to make up packs **2** to put one's clothes, etc. into luggage for a trip **3** to crowd together **4** to settle into a compact mass —***adj.*** used for carrying packs, loads, etc. *[a pack* animal*]* —**send packing** to dismiss abruptly

pack[2] (pak) ***vt.*** to choose (a jury, etc.) so as to get desired results

pack·age (pak′ij) ***n.*** **1** a wrapped or boxed thing or group of things; parcel **2** a number of items, plans, etc. offered as a unit —***vt.*** **-aged, -ag·ing** **1** to make a package of **2** to offer or present in an enticing way —**pack′ag·er** ***n.***

package store a store where alcoholic beverages are sold by the bottle

pack′et (-it) ***n.*** **1** a small package **2** a boat that travels a regular route carrying passengers, freight, and mail: in full **packet boat**

pack′ing ***n.*** **1** the act or process of a person or thing that packs **2** any material used to pack

pack′ing·house′ ***n.*** a plant where meats, etc. are processed and packed for sale

pack rat **1** a North American rat that often hides small articles in its nest **2** [Inf.] one who hoards miscellaneous items

pack′sad′dle ***n.*** a saddle with fastenings to secure the load carried by a pack animal

pact (pakt) ***n.*** [< L *pax,* peace] an agreement; compact

pad[1] (pad) ***n.*** [echoic] the dull sound of a footstep —***vi.*** **pad′ded, pad′ding** to walk, esp. with a soft step

pad[2] (pad) ***n.*** [? var. of POD] **1** anything soft to protect against friction, pressure, etc.; cushion **2** the cushionlike sole of an animal's paw **3** the floating leaf of a water plant, as the waterlily **4** a number of sheets of paper glued along one edge; tablet **5** [Slang] the place where one lives —***vt.*** **pad′ded, pad′ding** **1** to stuff or cover with soft material **2** to lengthen (a speech, etc.) with unnecessary material **3** to fill (an expense account, etc.) with invented or inflated entries

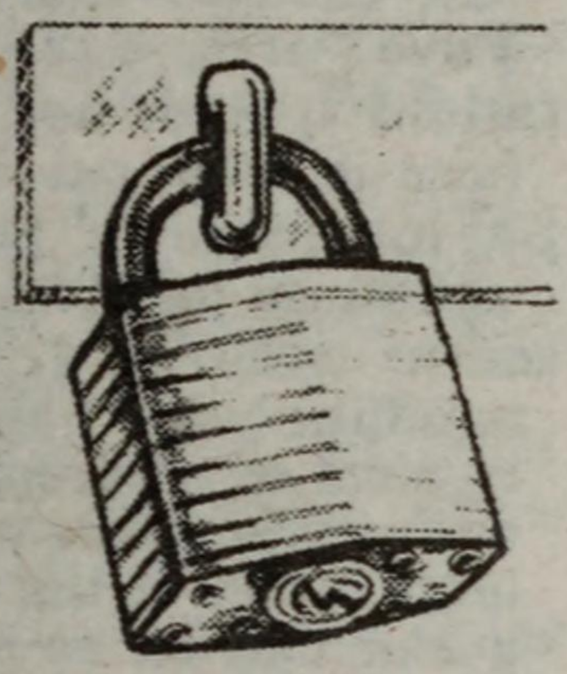
pad′ding ***n.*** anything used to pad

pad·dle[1] (pad′l) ***n.*** [ME *padell,* small spade] **1** a short pole with a wide blade at one or both ends, used to propel a canoe, kayak, etc. **2** an implement shaped like this, used to hit a ball, beat something, etc. —***vt., vi.*** **-dled, -dling** **1** to propel (a canoe, etc.) with a paddle **2** to beat as with a paddle; spank — **pad′dler** ***n.***

pad·dle[2] (pad′l) ***vi.*** **-dled, -dling** [prob. < PAD[1]] to move the hands or feet about in the water, as in playing —**pad′dler** ***n.***

paddle ball a game like handball

played with a short-handled paddle
paddle wheel a wheel with boards around it for propelling a steamboat
pad·dock (pad′ək) ***n.*** ⟦OE *pearruc,* enclosure⟧ **1** a small enclosure near a stable, in which horses are exercised **2** an enclosure at a racetrack, where horses are saddled
pad·dy (pad′ē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-dies** ⟦Malay *padi,* rice in the husk⟧ a rice field
pad·lock (pad′läk′) ***n.*** a removable lock with a hinged link to be passed through a staple, chain, or eye —***vt.*** to fasten or close up as with a padlock



PADLOCK

pa·dre (pä′drā′) ***n.*** ⟦< L *pater*⟧ **1** father: the title of a priest in Italy, Spain, etc. **2** [Inf.] a priest or chaplain
pae·an (pē′ən) ***n.*** ⟦< Gr *paian,* hymn⟧ a song of joy, triumph, etc.
pa·gan (pā′gən) ***n.*** ⟦< L *paganus,* peasant⟧ **1** a heathen **2** one who has no religion —***adj.*** of pagans —**pa′gan·ism′** ***n.***
page[1] (pāj) ***n.*** ⟦< L *pangere,* fasten⟧ **1** *a*) one side of a leaf of a book, etc. *b*) an entire leaf in a book, etc. **2** [*often pl.*] a record of events **3** WEB PAGE —***vi.*** **paged, pag′ing** to look (*through*) by turning the pages
page[2] (pāj) ***n.*** ⟦OFr⟧ a boy attendant —***vt.*** **paged, pag′ing** **1** to try to find by calling out the name of **2** to contact with a pager
pag·eant (paj′ənt) ***n.*** ⟦ME *pagent,* stage scene⟧ **1** a spectacular exhibition, parade, etc. **2** an elaborate outdoor drama celebrating a historical event
pag′eant·ry (-ən trē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ries** **1** grand spectacle; gorgeous display **2** empty show or display
pag·er (pā′jər) ***n.*** a portable electronic device used to contact people for messages
pag·i·na·tion (paj′ə nā′shən) ***n.*** **1** the numbering of pages **2** the arrangement and number of pages
pa·go·da (pə gō′də) ***n.*** ⟦prob. < Pers *but,* idol + *kadah,* house⟧ in India and the Far East, a temple in the form of a pyramidal tower of several stories
paid (pād) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** *pt. & pp. of* PAY —***adj.*** **1** settled by payment **2** with pay [*a paid* vacation]
pail (pāl) ***n.*** ⟦< OE *pægel,* wine vessel⟧ **1** a container, usually with a handle, for holding liquids, etc.; bucket **2** the amount held by a pail: also **pail′ful′**, *pl.* **-fuls′**
pain (pān) ***n.*** ⟦< Gr *poinē,* penalty⟧ **1** physical or mental suffering caused by injury, disease, grief, anxiety, etc. **2** [*pl.*] great care [take *pains* with one's work] —***vt.*** to cause pain to; hurt —**on (or under) pain of** at the risk of a penalty —**pain′ful** ***adj.*** —**pain′ful·ly** ***adv.*** —**pain′less** ***adj.***
Paine (pān), **Thom·as** (täm′əs) 1737-1809; Am. Revolutionary patriot & writer
pain′kill′er ***n.*** [Inf.] a medicine that relieves pain
pains·tak·ing (pānz′tā′kiŋ) ***adj.*** requiring or showing great care; very careful
paint (pānt) ***vt.*** ⟦< L *pingere*⟧ **1** *a*) to make (a picture, etc.) in colors applied to a surface *b*) to depict with paints **2** to describe vividly **3** to cover or decorate with paint —***vi.*** to paint pictures —***n.*** **1** a mixture of a pigment with oil, water, etc., used as a covering or coloring **2** a dried coat of paint
paint′er ***n.*** **1** an artist who paints pictures **2** one whose work is covering walls, etc. with paint
paint′ing ***n.*** a painted picture
pair (per) ***n.***, *pl.* **pairs** or **pair** ⟦< L *par,* equal⟧ **1** two corresponding things associated or used together [*a pair* of shoes] **2** a single unit of two corresponding parts [*a pair* of pants] **3** any two persons or animals regarded as a unit —***vi.***, ***vt.*** **1** to form a pair (of) **2** to mate



PAISLEY PATTERN

pais·ley (pāz′lē) ***adj.*** ⟦after *Paisley,* Scotland⟧ [*also* **P-**] having an intricate, multicolored pattern of swirls, etc.
pa·ja·mas (pə jä′məz, -jam′əz) ***pl.n.*** ⟦< Pers *pāi,* a leg + *jāma,* garment⟧ a loosely fitting sleeping or lounging suit consisting of jacket (or blouse) and trousers
Pa·ki·stan (pak′i stan′, pä′ki stän′) country in S Asia, west of India: 307,293 sq. mi.; pop. 131,500,000 —**Pak′i·stan′i** (-ē) ***adj.***, ***n.***
pal (pal) ***n.*** ⟦Romany, brother, ult. < Sans⟧ [Inf.] a close friend
pal·ace (pal′əs) ***n.*** ⟦< L *Palatium,* one of the Seven Hills of Rome⟧ **1** the official residence of a king, etc. **2** any large, magnificent building
pal·at·a·ble (pal′it ə bəl) ***adj.*** pleasant or acceptable to the taste or mind
pal·ate (pal′it) ***n.*** ⟦< L *palatum*⟧ **1** the roof of the mouth **2** sense of taste —**pal′a·tal** (-it′l) ***adj.***
pa·la·tial (pə lā′shəl) ***adj.*** ⟦see PALACE⟧ **1** of, suitable for, or like a palace **2** magnificent; stately

pal·a·tine (pal′ə tīn′, -tin) ***adj.*** [see PALACE] designating or of a count or earl who ruled in his own territory

Pa·lau (pä lou′) country on a group of islands in the W Pacific: 630 sq. mi.; pop. 15,000

pa·lav·er (pə lav′ər) ***n.*** [Port *palavra*, a word] talk, esp. idle talk —***vi.*** to talk idly

pale[1] (pāl) ***adj.*** **pal′er, pal′est** [< L *pallidus*] **1** of a whitish or colorless complexion **2** faint; dim **3** feeble; weak —***vi.*** **paled, pal′ing** to become pale —**pale′ly** ***adv.*** —**pale′ness** ***n.***

pale[2] (pāl) ***n.*** [< L *palus*, a stake] **1** a pointed stake used in fences **2** a boundary; restriction: now chiefly figurative

pale′face′ ***n.*** a white person: a term allegedly first used by North American Indians

pa·le·on·tol·o·gy (pā′lē ən täl′ə jē) ***n.*** [< Fr] the branch of geology studying prehistoric life by means of fossils —**pa′le·on·tol′o·gist** ***n.***

Pa′le·o·zo′ic (-ə zō′ik) ***adj.*** [< Gr *palaios*, ancient + ZO(O)- + -IC] designating the geologic era (*c.* 570-240 million years ago) characterized by the first fishes, reptiles, and land plants

Pal·es·tine (pal′əs tīn′) historical region in SW Asia at the E end of the Mediterranean, including modern Israel & Jordan

Pal′es·tin′i·an (-tin′ē ən) ***n.*** a person, esp. an Arab, born or living in Palestine —***adj.*** of Palestine or the Palestinians

pal·ette (pal′it) ***n.*** [Fr < L *pala*, a shovel] **1** a thin board on which an artist arranges and mixes paints **2** the colors used as for a painting

pal·frey (pôl′frē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-freys** [ult. < Gr *para*, beside + L *veredus*, post horse] [Archaic] a saddle horse, esp. a gentle one for a woman

pal·i·mo·ny (pal′ə mō′nē) ***n.*** [PAL + (AL)IMONY] an allowance or a property settlement claimed by or granted to one member of an unmarried couple who separate after having lived together

pal·imp·sest (pal′imp sest′) ***n.*** [< Gr *palimpsēstos*, lit., rubbed again] a parchment previously written upon that bears traces of the erased texts

pal·in·drome (pal′in drōm′) ***n.*** [< Gr *palindromos*, running back] a word, phrase, or sentence that reads the same backward or forward (Ex.: madam)

pal·ing (pāl′iŋ) ***n.*** a fence made of pales

pal·i·sade (pal′ə sād′) ***n.*** [< Fr < L *palus*, a stake] **1** any of a row of large, pointed stakes forming a fence as for fortification **2** such a fence **3** [*pl.*] a line of steep cliffs

pall[1] (pôl) ***vi.*** **palled, pall′ing** [ME *pallen*, appall] **1** to become cloying, insipid, boring, etc. **2** to become satiated

pall[2] (pôl) ***n.*** [< L *pallium*, a cover] **1** a cloth covering for a coffin **2** a dark or gloomy covering

pall·bear·er (pôl′ber′ər) ***n.*** [prec. + BEARER] one of the persons who attend or carry the coffin at a funeral

pal·let[1] (pal′it) ***n.*** [see PALETTE] a low, portable platform used for stacking materials, as in a warehouse

pal·let[2] (pal′it) ***n.*** [< L *palea*, chaff] a small bed or a pad filled as with straw and used on the floor

pal·li·ate (pal′ē āt′) ***vt.*** **-at′ed, -at′ing** [< L *pallium*, a cloak] **1** to lessen the severity of without curing; alleviate **2** to make (an offense) appear less serious; excuse —**pal′li·a′tion** ***n.*** —**pal′li·a′tive** (-āt′iv, -ə tiv) ***adj.***, ***n.***

pal·lid (pal′id) ***adj.*** [L *pallidus*, pale] faint in color; pale —**pal′lid·ly** ***adv.***

pal·lor (pal′ər) ***n.*** [< L *pallere*, be pale] unnatural paleness

palm[1] (päm) ***n.*** [< L *palma*: from its handlike leaf] **1** any of a large group of tropical or subtropical trees or shrubs with a branchless trunk and a bunch of large leaves at the top **2** a leaf of such a tree carried as a symbol of victory, etc.

palm[2] (päm) ***n.*** [< L *palma*] the inner surface of the hand between the fingers and wrist —***vt.*** to hide (something) in the palm, as in a sleight-of-hand trick —**palm off** [Inf.] to pass off by fraud

pal·met·to (pal met′ō) ***n.***, *pl.* **-tos** or **-toes** any of certain palms with fan-shaped leaves

palm·is·try (päm′is trē) ***n.*** [prob. < ME *paume*, PALM[2] + *maistrie*, mastery] fortunetelling by interpreting the lines, etc. on the palm of a person's hand —**palm′ist** ***n.***

Palm Springs resort city in SW California: pop. 40,000

Palm Sunday the Sunday before Easter, commemorating Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, when palm branches were strewn before him

palm′top′ ***n.*** a small, portable computer for storing personal information, sending e-mail, etc.

palm·y (päm′ē) ***adj.*** **-i·er, -i·est** **1** of, like, or full of palm trees **2** prosperous *[palmy* days*]*

pal·o·mi·no (pal′ə mē′nō) ***n.***, *pl.* **-nos** [AmSp < Sp, dove-colored] a golden or cream-colored horse with a white tail

pal·pa·ble (pal′pə bəl) ***adj.*** [< L *palpare*, to touch] **1** that can be touched, felt, etc. **2** easily perceived by the senses; perceptible **3** obvious; plain —**pal′pa·bly** ***adv.***

pal·pi·tate (pal′pə tāt′) ***vi.*** **-tat′ed, -tat′ing** [< L *palpare*, to feel] **1** to beat rapidly, as the heart **2** to throb —**pal′pi·ta′tion** ***n.***

pal·sy (pôl′zē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-sies** [ult. < L *paralysis*, paralysis] paralysis of a muscle, sometimes with involuntary tremors —***vt.*** **-sied, -sy·ing** to affect with or as with palsy

pal·try (pôl′trē) ***adj.*** **-tri·er, -tri·est** [prob. < LowG *palte*, rag] almost worthless; trifling —**pal′tri·ness** ***n.***

pam·pa (pam′pə, päm′-) ***n.*** [AmSp < AmInd *pampa*, plain, field] an extensive, treeless plain of Argentina

pam·per (pam′pər) ***vt.*** [ME *pampren*, to feed too much < LowG] to be overindulgent with; coddle

pam·phlet (pam′flit) ***n.*** [< OFr *Pamphilet*, shortened name of a ML poem] a thin, unbound booklet, often on some topic of current interest —**pam′phlet·eer′** (-flə tir′) ***n.***

pan[1] (pan) ***n.*** [OE *panne*] **1** any broad, shallow container used in cooking, etc. **2** a pan-shaped part or object —***vt.*** **panned, pan′ning** **1** [Inf.] to criticize unfavorably **2** *Mining* to wash (gravel) in a pan, as to separate (gold) —***vi.*** *Mining* to wash gravel in a pan, searching for gold —**pan out** [Inf.] to turn out; esp., to succeed

pan[2] (pan) *Film, TV, etc.* ***vt.***, ***vi.*** **panned, pan′ning** [< PAN(ORAMA)] to move (a camera) so as to get a panoramic effect —***n.*** the act of panning

Pan (pan) ***n.*** *Gr. Myth.* a god of fields, forests, flocks, and shepherds, represented as having the legs of a goat

pan- [< Gr *pan*, all, every] *combining form* **1** all *[pantheism]* **2** [**P-**] of, comprising, or uniting every *[Pan*-American*]*

pan·a·ce·a (pan′ə sē′ə) ***n.*** [< Gr *pan*, all + *akos*, healing, medicine] a supposed remedy for all ills

pa·nache (pə nash′, -näsh′) ***n.*** [Fr, ult. < L *pinna*, feather] dashing elegance of manner or style

Pan·a·ma (pan′ə mä′, -mô′) country in Central America, a strip of land connecting Central & South America: 29,761 sq. mi.; pop. 2,329,000 —**Pan′a·ma′ni·an** (-mā′nē ən) ***adj.***, ***n.***

Panama Canal ship canal across Panama, connecting the Atlantic & Pacific

Panama (hat) [*also* **p-**] a hand-woven hat made with strawlike strips of the leaves of a tropical plant

Pan′-A·mer′i·can ***adj.*** of North, South, and Central America, collectively

pan·cake (pan′kāk′) ***n.*** a flat cake of batter fried on a griddle or in a pan

pan·chro·mat·ic (pan′krō mat′ik) ***adj.*** sensitive to light of all colors *[panchromatic* film*]*

pan·cre·as (pan′krē əs, paŋ′-) ***n.*** [< Gr *pan*, all + *kreas*, flesh] a large gland that secretes a digestive juice into the small intestine and produces insulin —**pan′cre·at′ic** (-at′ik) ***adj.***

pan·da (pan′də) ***n.*** [< native name in Nepal] **1** a black-and-white, bearlike mammal of China: in full **giant panda** **2** a reddish, raccoonlike mammal of the Himalayas: in full **lesser panda**

pan·dem·ic (pan dem′ik) ***adj.*** [< Gr *pan*, all + *dēmos*, the people] epidemic over a large region

pan·de·mo·ni·um (pan′də mō′nē əm) ***n.*** [< name of demons' abode in Milton's *Paradise Lost* < Gr *pan*, all + *daimōn*, evil spirit] wild disorder or noise

pan·der (pan′dər) ***n.*** [< L *Pandarus*, lovers' go-between in Chaucer, etc.] **1** a procurer; pimp **2** one who helps others to satisfy their vices, etc. Also **pan′der·er** —***vi.*** to act as a pander (*to*)

P & H *abbrev.* postage and handling

Pan·do·ra (pan dôr′ə) ***n.*** [< Gr *pan*, all + *dōron*, gift] *Gr. Myth.* the first mortal woman: she opens a box, letting all human ills into the world

pane (pān) ***n.*** [< L *pannus*, piece of cloth] a sheet of glass in a frame of a window, etc.

pan·e·gyr·ic (pan′ə jir′ik) ***n.*** [< Gr *panēgyris*, public meeting] **1** a formal speech or piece of writing praising a person or event **2** high praise

pan·el (pan′əl) ***n.*** [see PANE] **1** *a*) a section or division, usually rectangular, forming a part of a wall, door, etc. *b*) a board for instruments or controls **2** a lengthwise strip in a skirt, etc. **3** a list of persons summoned for jury duty **4** a group of persons selected for judging, discussing, etc. —***vt.*** **-eled** or **-elled, -el·ing** or **-el·ling** to provide with panels

pan′el·ing or **pan′el·ling** ***n.*** **1** panels collectively **2** sheets of plastic, wood, etc. from which to cut panels

pan′el·ist ***n.*** a member of a PANEL (*n.* 4)

panel truck an enclosed pickup truck

pang (paŋ) ***n.*** [< ?] a sudden, sharp pain, physical or emotional

pan·han·dle[1] (pan′han′dəl) ***n.*** a strip of land projecting like the handle of a pan

pan·han·dle[2] (pan′han′dəl) ***vi.*** **-dled, -dling** [Inf.] to beg on the streets —**pan′han′dler** ***n.***

pan·ic (pan′ik) ***n.*** [< Gr *panikos*, of Pan, as inspirer of sudden fear] a sudden, unreasoning fear, often spreading quickly —***vt.*** **-icked, -ick·ing** to affect with panic —***vi.*** to show panic —**pan′ick·y** ***adj.***

pan′ic-strick′en ***adj.*** badly frightened: also **pan′ic-struck′**

pan·nier or **pan·ier** (pan′yər, -ē ər) ***n.*** [< L *panis*, bread] a large basket for carrying loads on the back

pa·no·cha (pə nō′chə) ***n.*** [AmSp, ult. < L *panis*, bread] **1** a coarse Mexican sugar **2** *var. of* PENUCHE

pan·o·ply (pan′ə plē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-plies** [< Gr *pan*, all + *hopla*, arms] **1** a complete suit of armor **2** any complete or magnificent covering or array

pan·o·ram·a (pan′ə ram′ə) ***n.*** [< PAN- + Gr *horama*, a view] **1** a wide view in all directions **2** a constantly changing scene —**pan′o·ram′ic** ***adj.***

pan·sy (pan′zē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-sies** [< Fr *penser*, think] a small plant of the violet family, with velvety petals

pant (pant) ***vi.*** [ult. < L *phantasia*, nightmare] **1** to breathe rapidly and heavily, as from running fast **2** to yearn eagerly: with *for* or *after* —***vt.*** to gasp out —***n.*** any of a series of rapid, heavy breaths; gasp

pan·ta·loons (pan′tə lo͞onz′) ***pl.n.*** [< It: ult. after St. *Pantalone*] [Historical] trousers

pan·the·ism (pan′thē iz′əm) ***n.*** [< Gr *pan*, all + *theos*, a god + -ISM] **1** the doctrine that all forces, manifestations, etc. of the universe are God **2** the worship of all gods —**pan′the·ist** ***n.***

pan·the·on (pan′thē än′) ***n.*** [< Gr *pan*, all + *theos*, a god] **1** all the gods of a people **2** [*often* **P-**] a building in which famous dead persons of a nation are

entombed or commemorated

pan·ther (pan′thər) ***n.*** [< Gr *panthēr*] **1** a leopard, specif. one that is black **2** COUGAR

pant·ies (pan′tēz) ***pl.n.*** women's or children's short underpants: also **pant′ie** or **pant′y** ***n.***

pan·to·mime (pan′tə mīm′) ***n.*** [ult. < Gr *pan*, all + *mimos*, a mimic] **1** a drama played without words, using only action and gestures **2** action or gestures without words —***vt.***, ***vi.*** **-mimed′**, **-mim′ing** to express or act in pantomime —**pan′to·mim′ist** (-mīm′ist) ***n.***

pan·to·then·ic acid (pan′tō then′ik) [< Gr *pantothen*, from every side] a viscous oil, part of the vitamin B complex, occurring widely in animal and plant tissues and thought essential for cell growth

pan·try (pan′trē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-tries** [< L *panis*, bread] a small room off the kitchen, where cooking ingredients and utensils, china, etc. are kept

pants (pants) ***pl.n.*** [< PANTALOONS] **1** trousers **2** drawers or panties

pant′suit′ ***n.*** matched pants and jacket for women: also **pants suit**

pant·y·hose (pan′tē hōz′) ***n.*** women's hose that extend to the waist, forming a one-piece garment

pant′y·waist′ (-wāst′) ***n.*** [Slang] a sissy

pap (pap) ***n.*** [ME] **1** any soft food for babies or invalids **2** any oversimplified or tasteless writing, ideas, etc.

pa·pa (pä′pə, pə pä′) ***n.*** [< baby talk] *child's term for* FATHER

pa·pa·cy (pā′pə sē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-cies** [LL *papa*, pope] **1** the rank of pope **2** the term of office of a pope **3** the governing of the Roman Catholic Church by the pope, its head

pa·pal (pā′pəl) ***adj.*** of or relating to a pope or the papacy

pa·pa·raz·zi (pä′pä rät′tsē) ***pl.n.*** photographers who take candid shots of celebrities

pa·paw (pə pô′, pô′pô′) ***n.*** [< fol.] **1** PAPAYA **2** *a*) a tree of central and S U.S. with an oblong, yellowish, edible fruit *b*) its fruit

pa·pa·ya (pə pī′ə) ***n.*** [Sp < WInd name] **1** a tropical American tree with a large, oblong, yellowish-orange fruit **2** its fruit

pa·per (pā′pər) ***n.*** [ult. < Gr *papyros*, papyrus] **1** a thin, flexible material in sheets, made from rags, wood, etc. and used for writing or printing on, for packaging, etc. **2** a single sheet of this **3** an official document **4** an essay, dissertation, etc. **5** a newspaper **6** wallpaper **7** [*pl.*] credentials —***adj.*** **1** of, or made of, paper **2** like paper; thin —***vt.*** to cover with wallpaper —**pa′per·y** ***adj.***

pa′per·back′ ***n.*** a book bound in paper covers

pa′per·boy′ ***n.*** a boy who sells or delivers newspapers —**pa′per·girl′** ***fem.n.***

paper clip a flexible clasp for holding loose sheets of paper together

pa′per·hang′er ***n.*** a person whose work is covering walls with wallpaper

paper tiger a person, nation, etc. that seems to pose a threat but is really powerless

paper trail written records that serve as evidence of a person's actions

pa′per·weight′ ***n.*** any small, heavy object set on papers to keep them from being scattered

pa′per·work′ ***n.*** the keeping of records, etc. incidental to some task

pa·pier-mâ·ché (pā′pər mə shā′) ***n.*** [Fr < *papier*, paper + *mâcher*, to chew] a material made of paper pulp mixed with size, glue, etc., and molded into various objects when moist

pa·pil·la (pə pil′ə) ***n.***, *pl.* **-lae** (-ē) [L < *papula*, pimple] any small nipplelike projection of tissue, as on the surface of the tongue —**pap·il·lar·y** (pap′ə ler′ē) ***adj.***

pa·poose (pə pōōs′, pa-) ***n.*** [< AmInd] a North American Indian baby

pa·pri·ka (pə prē′kə) ***n.*** [Hung, ult. < Gr *peperi*, pepper] a mild or hot, red, powdered condiment ground from the fruit of certain pepper plants

Pap test (pap) [after G. *Papanicolaou*, 20th-c. U.S. anatomist] a test for uterine cancer

Pap·u·a New Guinea (pap′yōō ə) country occupying the E half of the island of New Guinea & nearby islands: 178,703 sq. mi.; pop. 3,689,000

pa·py·rus (pə pī′rəs) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ri′** (-rī′) or **-rus·es** [< Gr *papyros*] **1** a tall water plant of Egypt **2** a writing material made from the pith of this plant by the ancients

par (pär) ***n.*** [L, an equal] **1** the established value of a currency in terms of the money of another country **2** an equal status, level, etc.: usually in **on a par (with)** **3** the average state, condition, etc. *[work that is above par]* **4** the face value of stocks, etc. **5** *Golf* the number of strokes established as a skillful score for a hole or course —***adj.*** **1** of or at par **2** average

par *abbrev.* **1** paragraph **2** parish

para- *prefix* **1** beside, beyond *[parapsychology]* **2** helping, accessory *[paramedical]*

par·a·ble (par′ə bəl) ***n.*** [< Gr *parabolē*, analogy < *para-*, beside + *ballein*, to throw] a short, simple story teaching a moral lesson

pa·rab·o·la (pə rab′ə lə) ***n.*** [see prec.] *Geom.* a curve formed by the intersection of a cone with a plane parallel to its side —**par·a·bol·ic** (par′ə bäl′ik) ***adj.***

par·a·chute (par′ə shōōt′) ***n.*** [Fr < *para-*, protecting + *chute*, a fall] a cloth contrivance usually shaped like an umbrella when expanded, and used to retard the speed of one dropping from an airplane, etc. —***vt.***, ***vi.*** **-chut′ed**, **-chut′ing** to drop by parachute —**par′a·chut′ist** ***n.***

pa·rade (pə rād′) ***n.*** [< L *parare*, prepare] **1** ostentatious display **2** a review of marching troops **3** any organized procession or march, as for display —***vt.*** **-rad′ed**, **-rad′ing** **1** to march or walk through, as for display **2** to show

off *[to parade* one's knowledge*]* —*vi.* 1 to march in a parade 2 to walk about ostentatiously

par·a·digm (par′ə dīm′) *n.* [< Gr *para-*, beside + *deigma*, example] 1 an example or model 2 a generally accepted concept that explains a complex idea, set of data, etc. 3 *Gram.* an example of a declension or conjugation, giving all the inflections of a word

Par·a·dise (par′a dīs′) *n.* [< Gr *paradeisos*, garden] 1 the garden of Eden 2 heaven 3 [p-] any place or state of great happiness

par·a·dox (par′ə däks′) *n.* [< Gr *para-*, beyond + *doxa*, opinion] 1 a statement that seems contradictory, etc. but may be true in fact 2 a statement that is self-contradictory and, hence, false —**par′a·dox′i·cal** *adj.* —**par′a·dox′i·cal·ly** *adv.*

par·af·fin (par′ə fin) *n.* [Ger < L *parum*, too little + *affinis*, akin: from its inertness] a white, waxy substance obtained from petroleum and used for making candles, sealing jars, etc.

par·a·gon (par′ə gän′) *n.* [< It *paragone*, touchstone] a model of perfection or excellence

par·a·graph (par′ə graf′) *n.* [< Gr *para-*, beside + *graphein*, write] 1 a distinct section of a piece of writing, begun on a new line and often indented 2 a brief item in a newspaper, etc. —*vt.* to arrange in paragraphs

Par·a·guay (par′ə gwā′, -gwī′) inland country in SC South America: 157,042 sq. mi.; pop. 4,120,000 —**Par′a·guay′an** *adj.*, *n.*

par·a·keet (par′ə kēt′) *n.* [prob. < MFr *perrot*, parrot] a small, slender parrot with a long tail

par·a·le·gal (par′ə lē′gəl) *adj.* designating or of persons trained to aid lawyers but not licensed to practice law —*n.* such a person

par·al·lax (par′ə laks′) *n.* [< Gr *para-*, beyond + *allassein*, to change] the apparent change in the position of an object resulting from a change in the viewer's position

par·al·lel (par′ə lel′) *adj.* [< Gr *para-*, side by side + *allēlos*, one another] 1 extending in the same direction and at the same distance apart, so as never to meet 2 similar or corresponding —*n.* 1 a parallel line, surface, etc. 2 any person or thing similar to another; counterpart 3 any comparison showing likeness 4 any of the imaginary lines parallel to the equator and representing degrees of latitude: in full **parallel of latitude** —*vt.* **-leled′** or **-lelled′**, **-lel′ing** or **-lel′ling** 1 to be parallel with 2 to match; equal —**par′al·lel′ism′** *n.*

par′al·lel′o·gram′ (-ə gram′) *n.* a four-sided plane figure having the opposite sides parallel and equal

parallel parking the parking of vehicles close to and parallel to the curb

pa·ral·y·sis (pə ral′ə sis) *n.*, *pl.* **-ses′** (-sēz′) [< Gr *paralyein*, to loosen or weaken at the side] 1 partial or complete loss of voluntary motion or of sensation in part or all of the body 2 any condition of helpless inactivity —**par·a·lyt·ic** (par′ə lit′ik) *adj.*, *n.*

par·a·lyze (par′ə līz′) *vt.* **-lyzed′**, **-lyz′ing** 1 to cause paralysis in 2 to make ineffective or powerless

par·a·me·ci·um (par′ə mē′sē əm, -shē əm) *n.*, *pl.* **-ci·a** (-ə) [< Gr *paramēkēs*, oval] an elongated protozoan that moves by means of cilia

par·a·med·ic (par′ə med′ik) *n.* a person in paramedical work

par′a·med′i·cal (-med′i kəl) *adj.* [PARA- + MEDICAL] of auxiliary medical personnel, as midwives and nurses' aides

pa·ram·e·ter (pə ram′ət ər) *n.* [< Gr *para-*, beside + *metron*, a measure] 1 any of a set of interdependent variables 2 *a*) a boundary or limit *b*) a characteristic (*usually used in pl.*)

par·a·mil·i·tar·y (par′ə mil′ə ter′ē) *adj.* [PARA- + MILITARY] of forces working along with, or in place of, a regular military organization

par·a·mount (par′ə mount′) *adj.* [< OFr *par*, by + *amont*, uphill] ranking higher than any other; chief

par·a·mour (par′ə moor′) *n.* [< OFr *par amour*, with love] a lover or mistress; esp., the illicit sexual partner of a married man or woman

par·a·noi·a (par′ə noi′ə) *n.* [< Gr *para-*, beside + *nous*, the mind] a mental disorder characterized by delusions, as of grandeur or, esp., persecution —**par′a·noid′** *adj.*, *n.*

par·a·pet (par′ə pet′, -pət) *n.* [< It *parare*, to guard + *petto*, breast] 1 a wall or bank for screening troops from enemy fire 2 a low wall or railing

par·a·pher·na·li·a (par′ə fər nāl′yə, -nā′lē ə) *pl.n.* [< Gr *para-*, beyond + *phernē*, dowry] [*often with sing. v.*] 1 personal belongings 2 equipment

par·a·phrase (par′ə frāz′) *n.* [< Gr *para-*, beside + *phrazein*, say] a rewording of the meaning of something spoken or written —*vt.*, *vi.* **-phrased′**, **-phras′ing** to express (something) in a paraphrase

par·a·ple·gi·a (par′ə plē′jē ə, -jə) *n.* [< Gr *para-*, beside + *plēgē*, a stroke] paralysis of the lower half of the body —**par′a·ple′gic** (-plē′jik) *adj.*, *n.*

par′a·pro·fes′sion·al *n.* [see PARA-] a trained assistant to licensed professionals, as in medicine

par′a·psy·chol′o·gy *n.* [see PARA-] psychology that investigates psychic phenomena, such as telepathy

par′a·sail′ *n.* [< PARACHUTE] a kind of parachute worn by a person who is pulled by a boat, car, etc. fast enough to glide in the air —**par′a·sail′ing** *n.*

par·a·site (par′ə sīt′) *n.* [< Gr *para-*, beside + *sitos*, food] 1 one who lives at others' expense without making any useful return 2 a plant or animal that lives on or in another organism, usually with harmful effects —**par′a·sit′ic** (-sit′ ik) *adj.*

par·a·sol (par′ə sôl′) *n.* [< It *parare*, ward off + *sole*, sun] a lightweight umbrella used for protection from the

sun's rays

par·a·sym·pa·thet·ic (par′ə sim′pə thet′ ik) ***adj.*** [PARA- + SYMPATHETIC] *Physiology* designating the part of the autonomic nervous system whose functions include constricting the pupils of the eyes, slowing the heartbeat, and stimulating some digestive glands

par·a·thi·on (par′ə thī′än′) ***n.*** [PARA- + Gr *theion*, sulfur] a highly poisonous insecticide

par′a·thy′roid′ (-thī′roid′) ***adj.*** [PARA- + THYROID] designating or of the small glands near the thyroid that regulate calcium and phosphorus metabolism

par·a·troops (par′ə trōōps′) ***pl.n.*** [< PARA(CHUTE) + TROOP] troops trained and equipped to parachute into a combat area —**par′a·troop′er** ***n.***

par·boil (pär′boil′) ***vt.*** [< L *per*, through + *bullire*, to boil: infl. by *part*] to boil until partly cooked

par·cel (pär′səl) ***n.*** [ult. < L *pars*, part] **1** a small, wrapped bundle; package **2** a piece (of land) —***vt.*** **-celed** or **-celled**, **-cel·ing** or **-cel·ling** to separate into parts and distribute: with *out*

parcel post a mail service for parcels not over a specified weight and size

parch (pärch) ***vt.*** [< ?] **1** to make hot and dry **2** to make very thirsty —***vi.*** to become very dry, hot, thirsty, etc.

parch·ment (pärch′mənt) ***n.*** [< L (*charta*) *Pergamena*, (paper) of Pergamum, city in Asia Minor] **1** the skin of a sheep, goat, etc. prepared as a surface for writing **2** paper like parchment **3** a manuscript on parchment

par·don (pärd′′n) ***vt.*** [< L *per-*, through + *donare*, give] **1** to release from further punishment **2** to forgive (an offense) **3** to excuse (a person) for a fault, etc. —***n.*** **1** forgiveness **2** an official document granting a pardon —**par′don·a·ble** ***adj.***

pare (per) ***vt.*** **pared**, **par′ing** [< L *parare*, prepare] **1** to cut or trim away (the rind, skin, etc.) of; peel **2** to reduce gradually: often with *down*

par·e·gor·ic (par′ə gôr′ik) ***n.*** [< Gr *parēgoros*, soothing] a tincture of opium, used to relieve diarrhea

par·ent (per′ənt) ***n.*** [< L *parere*, beget] **1** a person in relation to his or her offspring; a mother or father **2** any organism in relation to its offspring **3** a source; origin —***adj.*** of a corporation in relation to a subsidiary that it owns —**pa·ren·tal** (pə rent′′l) ***adj.*** —**par′ent·hood′** ***n.***

par′ent·age ***n.*** descent from parents or ancestors; lineage

pa·ren·the·sis (pə ren′thə sis) ***n.***, ***pl.*** **-ses′** (-sēz′) [< Gr *para-*, beside + *entithenai*, to insert] **1** a word, clause, etc. added as an explanation or comment within a sentence **2** either or both of the curved lines, ( ), used to set this off —**par·en·thet·i·cal** (par′ən thet′i kəl) or **par′en·thet′ic** ***adj.***

par′ent·ing ***n.*** the work or skill of a parent in raising a child or children

pa·re·sis (pə rē′sis) ***n.***, ***pl.*** **-ses′** (-sēz′) [Gr < *parienai*, relax] **1** partial paralysis **2** a brain disease caused by syphilis of the central nervous system

par ex·cel·lence (ek′sə läns) [< Fr] in the greatest degree of excellence

par·fait (pär fā′) ***n.*** [Fr, lit., perfect] a frozen dessert of cream, eggs, etc., or of layers of ice cream, crushed fruit, etc. in a tall glass

pa·ri·ah (pə rī′ə) ***n.*** [< Tamil *paṟaiyan*, drummer] **1** a member of one of the lowest social castes in India **2** any outcast

par·i·mu·tu·el (par′ə myōō′chōō əl) ***n.*** [Fr, lit., a mutual bet] a system of betting on races in which the winning bettors share the net of each pool in proportion to their wagers

par·ing (per′iŋ) ***n.*** a piece pared off

Par·is[1] (par′is) ***n.*** *Gr. Legend* a prince of Troy: see HELEN OF TROY

Par·is[2] (par′is; *Fr* pä′rē′) capital of France: pop. 2,166,000 —**Pa·ri·sian** (pə rizh′ən, -rē′zhən) ***adj.***, ***n.***

par·ish (par′ish) ***n.*** [< Gr *paroikia*, diocese] **1** a part of a diocese, under the charge of a priest or minister **2** the congregation of a church **3** a civil division in Louisiana, like a county

pa·rish·ion·er (pə rish′ə nər) ***n.*** a member of a parish

par·i·ty (par′ə tē) ***n.*** [< L *par*, equal] **1** equality in power, value, etc. **2** equality of value at a given ratio between different kinds of money, etc.

park (pärk) ***n.*** [< ML *parricus*] **1** wooded land held as part of an estate or preserve **2** an area of public land, with walks, playgrounds, etc., for recreation **3** the system in an automatic transmission that locks the drive wheels of a motor vehicle —***vt.***, ***vi.*** **1** to leave (a vehicle) in a place temporarily **2** to maneuver (a vehicle) into a space where it can be left temporarily



PARKA

par·ka (pär′kə) ***n.*** [< Russ, fur coat] a heavy jacket with a hood

parking meter a timing device installed near a parking space: drivers pay to park there for a certain length of time by inserting coins in it

Par·kin·son's disease (pär′kin sənz) [after J. *Parkinson* (1755-1824), Eng physician] a degenerative disease of later life, causing a rhythmic tremor and muscular rigidity

park′way′ ***n.*** a broad roadway landscaped with trees, bushes, etc.

par·lance (pär′ləns) ***n.*** [< OFr *parler*, speak] language or idiom

par·lay (pär′lā) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** [< It *paro*, a pair] to bet (an original wager plus its winnings) on another race, etc. —***n.*** a parlayed bet

par·ley (pär′lē) ***vi.*** [< Fr *parler,* speak] to confer, esp. with an enemy —***n.,*** *pl.* **-leys** a conference, as to settle a dispute or discuss terms

par·lia·ment (pär′lə mənt) ***n.*** [< OFr *parler,* speak] **1** an official government council **2** [**P-**] the national legislative body of certain countries, esp. Great Britain

par′lia·men·tar′i·an (-men ter′ē ən) ***n.*** one skilled in parliamentary rules or debate

par′lia·men′ta·ry (-ment′ə rē, -men′trē) ***adj.*** **1** of or by a parliament **2** conforming to the rules of a parliament

par·lor (pär′lər) ***n.*** [< OFr *parler,* speak] **1** [Old-fashioned] any living room **2** any of certain kinds of business establishment *[a beauty parlor]*

Parmesan (cheese) (pär′mə zän′, -zhän′) [after *Parma,* It city] a very hard, dry cheese orig. of Italy

par·mi·gia·na (pär′mə zhä′nə, pär′mə zhän′) ***adj.*** prepared with Parmesan cheese

pa·ro·chi·al (pə rō′kē əl) ***adj.*** [see PARISH] **1** of or in a parish or parishes **2** narrow in scope; provincial

parochial school a school supported and run by a church

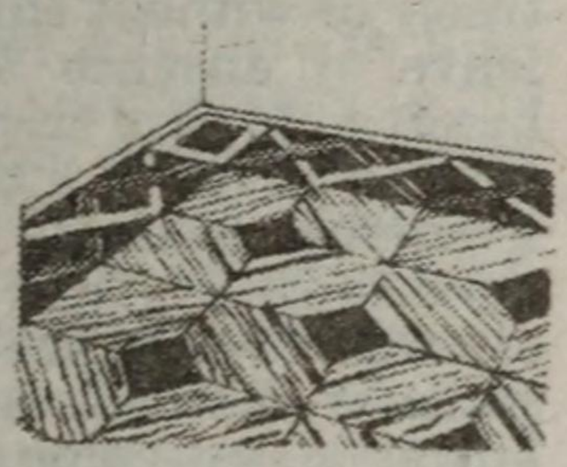
par·o·dy (par′ə dē) ***n.,*** *pl.* **-dies** [< Gr *para-,* beside + *ōidē,* song] a humorous imitation of a literary or musical work or style —***vt.*** **-died, -dy·ing** to make a parody of

pa·role (pə rōl′) ***n.*** [< LL *parabola,* a speech] the release of a prisoner whose sentence has not expired, on condition of future good behavior —***vt.*** **-roled′, -rol′ing** to release on parole

par·ox·ysm (par′ək siz′əm) ***n.*** [< Gr *para-,* beyond + *oxynein,* sharpen] **1** a sudden attack of a disease **2** a sudden outburst as of laughter

par·quet (pär kā′) ***n.*** [Fr, < MFr *parchet,* dim. of *parc,* park] **1** the main floor of a theater: usually called *orchestra* **2** a flooring of parquetry —***vt.*** **-queted′** (-kād′), **-quet′ing** (-kā′iŋ) to make of parquetry

parquet circle the part of a theater beneath the balcony on the main floor



PARQUET

par·quet·ry (pär′kə trē) ***n.*** inlaid wooden flooring in geometric forms

par·ri·cide (par′ə sīd′) ***n.*** [< L *paricida:* see -CIDE] **1** the act of murdering one's parent, close relative, etc. **2** one who does this

par·rot (par′ət) ***n.*** [Fr dial. *perrot*] **1** a tropical bird with a hooked bill and brightly colored feathers: some parrots can learn to imitate human speech **2** one who parrots what others say —***vt.*** to repeat without understanding

par·ry (par′ē) ***vt.*** **-ried, -ry·ing** [prob. ult. < L *parare,* prepare] **1** to ward off (a blow, etc.) **2** to evade (a question, etc.) —***n.,*** *pl.* **-ries** a parrying

parse (pärs) ***vt., vi.*** **parsed, pars′ing** [< L *pars (orationis),* part (of speech)] to separate (a sentence) into its parts, giving the form and function of each part

par·si·mo·ny (pär′sə mō′nē) ***n.*** [< L *parcere,* to spare] stinginess; extreme frugality —**par′si·mo′ni·ous** ***adj.***

pars·ley (pärs′lē) ***n.*** [< Gr *petros,* stone + *selinon,* celery] a plant with aromatic, often curled leaves used to flavor or garnish some foods

pars·nip (pärs′nip′) ***n.*** [< L *pastinare,* dig up] **1** a plant with a long white root used as a vegetable **2** its root

par·son (pär′sən) ***n.*** [see PERSON] **1** an Anglican minister having a parish **2** [Inf.] any minister

par′son·age ***n.*** the dwelling provided by a church for its minister

part (pärt) ***n.*** [< L *pars*] **1** a portion, division, etc. of a whole *[a part of a book]* **2** an essential, separable element *[automobile parts]* **3** a portion or share; specif., *a)* a share of work *[to do one's part] b)* [*usually pl.*] talent; ability *[a man of parts] c)* a role in a play *d)* any of the voices or instruments in a musical ensemble, or the score for this **4** [*usually pl.*] a portion of a country **5** a dividing line formed in combing the hair —***vt.*** **1** to break or divide into parts **2** to comb (the hair) so as to leave a part **3** to break or hold apart —***vi.*** **1** to break or divide into parts **2** to separate and go different ways **3** to cease associating **4** to go away; leave: with *from* —***adj.*** partial —**for one's part** as far as one is concerned —**for the most part** mostly —**in part** partly —**part with** to relinquish —**take part** to participate —**take someone's part** to side with someone

par·take (pär tāk′) ***vi.*** **-took′, -tak′en, -tak′ing** [< *part taker*] **1** to participate (*in* an activity) **2** to eat or drink something, esp. with others: usually with *of* —**par·tak′er** ***n.***

part·ed (pärt′id) ***adj.*** separated; divided

par·terre (pär ter′) ***n.*** [Fr < *par,* on + *terre,* earth] **1** a garden with the flower beds and path in a pattern **2** PARQUET CIRCLE

par·the·no·gen·e·sis (pär′thə nō′jen′ə sis) ***n.*** [see fol. & GENESIS] reproduction from an unfertilized ovum, seed, or spore

Par′the·non′ (-nän′) ***n.*** [< Gr *parthenos,* a virgin (i.e., Athena)] the Doric temple of Athena on the Acropolis

par·tial (pär′shəl) ***adj.*** [< L *pars,* a part] **1** favoring one person, faction, etc. more than another; biased **2** not complete —**partial to** fond of —**par′ti·al′i·ty** (-shē al′ ə tē) ***n.*** —**par′tial·ly** ***adv.***

par·tic·i·pate (pär tis′ə pāt′) ***vi.*** **-pat′ed, -pat′ing** [< L *pars,* a part + *capere,* to take] to have or take a share with others (*in* some activity) —**par·tic′i·pant** ***adj., n.*** —**par·tic′i·pa′tion** ***n.*** —**par·tic′i·pa′tor** ***n.*** —**par·tic′i·pa·to′ry** (-pə tôr′ē) ***adj.***

par·ti·ci·ple (pärt′i sip′əl) ***n.*** [see prec.] a verbal form having characteristics of

both verb and adjective —**par′ti·cip′i·al** (-sip′ē əl) ***adj.***

par·ti·cle (pärt′i kəl) ***n.*** ‖< L *pars,* a part‖ **1** a tiny fragment or trace **2** a short, usually invariable part of speech, as an article or preposition **3** *Physics* a subatomic particle that cannot be divided

par·ti-col·ored (pär′ti kul′ərd) ***adj.*** ‖< Fr *parti,* divided + COLORED‖ having different colors in different parts

par·tic·u·lar (pär tik′yə lər) ***adj.*** ‖< L *particula,* particle‖ **1** of or belonging to a single person, group, or thing **2** regarded separately; specific **3** unusual **4** exacting; fastidious —***n.*** a distinct fact, item, detail, etc. —**in particular** especially —**par·tic′u·lar′i·ty** (-lar′ə tē), *pl.* **-ties**, ***n.***

par·tic′u·lar·ize′ (-lər īz′) ***vt., vi.*** **-ized′**, **-iz′ing** to give particulars or details (of) —**par·tic′u·lar·i·za′tion** ***n.***

par·tic′u·lar·ly ***adv.*** **1** in detail **2** especially **3** specifically

par·tic′u·late (-lit, -lāt′) ***adj.*** of or formed of separate tiny particles

part′ing ***adj.*** **1** dividing; separating **2** departing **3** given, spoken, etc. at parting —***n.*** **1** a breaking or separating **2** a departure

par·ti·san (pärt′ə zən) ***n.*** ‖< L *pars,* a part‖ **1** a strong supporter of a faction, party, etc. **2** a guerrilla fighter —***adj.*** of or like a partisan Also sp. **par′ti·zan** —**par′ti·san·ship′** ***n.***

par·ti·tion (pär tish′ən) ***n.*** ‖< L *partitio*‖ **1** division into parts **2** something that divides, as a wall separating rooms —***vt.*** **1** to divide into parts; apportion **2** to divide by a partition

part′ly ***adv.*** not fully or completely

part·ner (pärt′nər) ***n.*** ‖< ME‖ **1** one who joins in an activity with another or others; specif., one of two or more persons jointly owning a business **2** a spouse **3** either of two persons not married to each other but in an intimate, spouse-like relationship **4** either of two persons dancing together **5** either of two players on the same side or team —**part′ner·ship′** ***n.***

part of speech any of the classes to which a word can be assigned as by form, function, or meaning; noun, verb, adverb, etc.

par·took (pär took′) ***vi.*** *pt. of* PARTAKE

par·tridge (pär′trij) ***n.*** ‖< Gr *perdix*‖ any of several short-tailed game birds, esp. one with an orange-brown head and grayish neck

part song a song for several voices, usually without accompaniment

part′-time′ ***adj.*** designating, of, or engaged in work, study, etc. taking less time than a regular or full schedule

part′-tim′er ***n.*** a part-time employee, student, etc.

par·tu·ri·tion (pär′too rish′ən) ***n.*** ‖< L *parere,* bring forth‖ childbirth

part′way′ ***adv.*** to some degree, but not fully

par·ty (pär′tē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ties** ‖< L *pars,* a part‖ **1** a group of people working to promote a political platform or group of candidates, a cause, etc. **2** a group acting together to accomplish a task **3** a gathering for social entertainment **4** one concerned in an action, plan, lawsuit, etc. *[a party to the action]* **5** [Inf.] a person —***vi.*** **-tied**, **-ty·ing** to attend or hold social parties

par′ty·go′er (-gō′ər) ***n.*** a person who attends a party or many parties

party line **1** a single circuit connecting two or more telephone users with the exchange **2** the policies of a political party

par·ve·nu (pär′və nōō′) ***n.*** ‖< L *pervenire,* arrive‖ a newly rich person who is considered an upstart

Pas·a·de·na (pas′ə dē′nə) city in SW California: pop. 132,000

pas·chal (pas′kəl) ***adj.*** ‖< LL < Gr < Heb *pesach,* Passover‖ **1** of Passover **2** of Easter

pa·sha (pə shä′, pä′shə) ***n.*** ‖Turk‖ [Historical] in Turkey, a title of rank or honor placed after the name

pass (pas) ***vi.*** ‖< L *passus,* a step‖ **1** to go or move forward, through, etc. **2** to go or be conveyed from one place, form, condition, etc. to another **3** *a*) to cease *b*) to depart **4** to die: usually with *away* or *on* **5** to go by **6** to elapse *[an hour passed]* **7** to make a way: with *through* or *by* **8** to be accepted without question **9** to be approved, as by a legislature **10** to go through a test, course, etc. successfully **11** to give a judgment, sentence, etc.: with *on* or *upon* **12** *Card Games* to decline a chance to bid —***vt.*** **1** to go by, beyond, over, or through; specif., *a*) to leave behind *b*) to go through (a test, course, etc.) successfully **2** to cause or allow to go, move, or proceed; specif., *a*) to ratify; enact *b*) to spend (time) *c*) to excrete **3** to cause to move from place to place; circulate **4** to give (an opinion or judgment) —***n.*** **1** an act of passing; passage **2** a condition; situation *[a strange pass]* **3** *a*) a ticket, etc. giving permission to come or go freely or without charge *b*) *Mil.* a brief leave of absence **4** a motion of the hand, as in card tricks or hypnotism, or as if to strike **5** a tentative attempt **6** a narrow passage, etc., esp. between mountains **7** [Inf.] an overly familiar attempt to embrace or kiss **8** *Sports* a transfer of a ball, etc. to another player during play —**come** (or **bring**) **to pass** to (cause to) happen —**pass for** to be accepted as —**pass off** to cause to be accepted through deceit —**pass out** **1** to distribute **2** to faint —**pass over** to disregard; ignore —**pass up** [Inf.] to refuse or let go by —**pass′er** ***n.***

pass′a·ble ***adj.*** **1** that can be passed, traveled over, etc. **2** adequate; fair —**pass′a·bly** ***adv.***

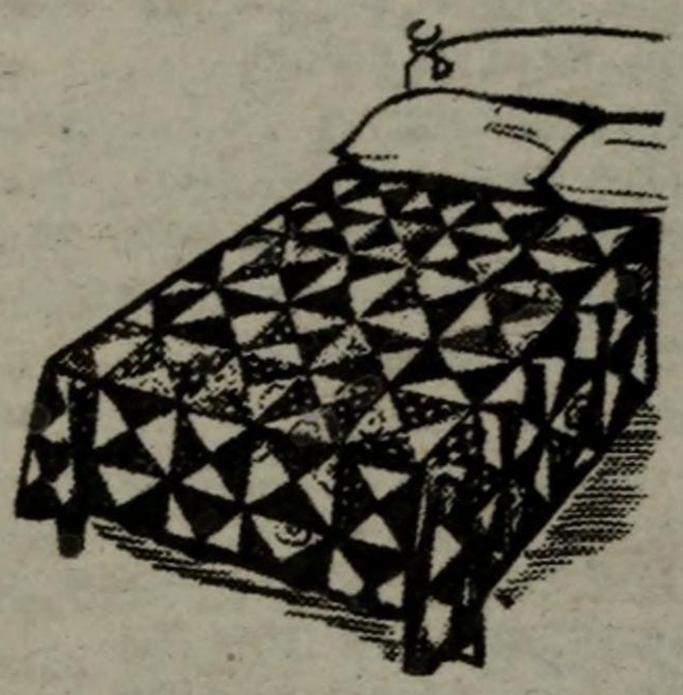
pas·sage (pas′ij) ***n.*** **1** a passing; specif., *a*) migration *b*) transition *c*) the enactment of a law **2** permission or right to pass **3** a voyage **4** a means of passing; road, passageway, etc. **5** an exchange, as of blows or words **6** a portion of a book, musical composition, etc.

pas′sage·way′ ***n.*** a narrow way for pas-

sage, as a hall or alley
pass′book′ *n.* BANKBOOK
pas·sé (pa sā′, pä-) *adj.* [Fr, past] out-of-date; old-fashioned
pas·sel (pas′əl) *n.* [< PARCEL] [Inf. or Dial.] a group, esp. a fairly large one
pas·sen·ger (pas′ən jər) *n.* [< OFr *passage*, passage] a person traveling in a train, boat, car, etc.
pass′er·by′ *n.*, *pl.* **pass′ers·by′** one who passes by: also **pass′er-by′**, *pl.* **pass′ers-by′**
pass′-fail′ *adj.* *Educ.* designating a grading system recording "pass" or "fail" instead of a letter or number grade
pass′ing *adj.* **1** going by, beyond, etc. **2** fleeting **3** casual *[a passing remark]* **4** satisfying given requirements *[a passing grade]* —*n.* the act of one that passes; specif., death —**in passing** incidentally
pas·sion (pash′ən) *n.* [< L *pati*, endure] **1** any emotion, as hate, love, or fear **2** intense emotional excitement, as rage, enthusiasm, or lust **3** the object of any strong desire **4** [**P-**] the sufferings of Jesus, beginning after the Last Supper and continuing to his death on the Cross
pas′sion·ate (-ə nit) *adj.* **1** having or showing strong feelings **2** hot-tempered **3** ardent; intense **4** sensual —**pas′sion·ate·ly** *adv.*
pas·sive (pas′iv) *adj.* [see PASSION] **1** inactive, but acted upon **2** offering no resistance; submissive **3** *Gram.* denoting the voice of a verb whose subject is the recipient (object) of the action —**pas′sive·ly** *adv.* —**pas·siv·i·ty** (pa siv′ə tē) *n.*
pas′sive-ag·gres′sive *adj.* *Psychol.* showing disguised resistance to others' expectations, as by procrastination or inefficiency
passive resistance opposition to a government, etc. by refusal to comply or by nonviolent acts such as fasting
pass′key′ *n.* **1** *a)* MASTER KEY *b)* SKELETON KEY **2** any private key
Pass·o·ver (pas′ō′vər) *n.* a Jewish holiday commemorating deliverance of the ancient Hebrews from slavery in Egypt
pass′port′ *n.* a government document carried by a citizen traveling abroad, certifying identity and citizenship
pass′word′ *n.* **1** a secret term used for identification, as in passing a guard **2** any means of gaining entrance
past (past) *vi.*, *vt.* *rare pp. of* PASS —*adj.* **1** gone by; ended **2** of a former time **3** immediately preceding **4** *Gram.* indicating an action completed, or a condition in existence, at a former time *[the past tense]* —*n.* **1** time gone by **2** the history of a person, group, etc. **3** a personal background that is hidden or questionable —*prep.* beyond in time, space, etc. —*adv.* to and beyond some point
pas·ta (päs′tə) *n.* [It] **1** a flour paste or dough of which spaghetti, etc. is made **2** any food made of this
paste (pāst) *n.* [< Gr *pastē*, porridge] **1** dough for making pastry, etc. **2** any soft, moist, smooth preparation *[toothpaste]* **3** a mixture of flour, water, etc. used as an adhesive **4** the hard, brilliant glass of artificial gems —*vt.* **past′ed**, **past′ing** **1** to make adhere with paste **2** [Slang] to hit
paste′board′ *n.* a stiff material made as of layers of paper pasted together
pas·tel (pas tel′) *n.* [< LL *pasta*, paste] **1** a crayon of ground coloring matter **2** a picture drawn with such crayons **3** a soft, pale shade of a color —*adj.* soft and pale: said of colors
pas·tern (pas′tərn) *n.* [< L *pastor*, shepherd] the part of the foot of a horse, dog, etc. just above the hoof or toes
Pas·teur (pas tur′), **Louis** 1822-95; Fr. chemist & bacteriologist
pas·teur·ize (pas′chər īz′, -tər-) *vt.* **-ized′**, **-iz′ing** [after prec.] to destroy bacteria in (milk, etc.) by heating to a prescribed temperature for a specified time —**pas′teur·i·za′tion** *n.*
pas·tiche (pas tēsh′) *n.* [Fr] an artistic composition made up of bits from various sources
pas·time (pas′tīm′) *n.* a way of spending spare time; diversion
past master [for *passed master*] a person of long experience in an occupation, art, etc.; expert
pas·tor (pas′tər) *n.* [L, a shepherd] a priest or minister in charge of a congregation —**pas′tor·ate** (-it) *n.*
pas′to·ral (-tə rəl) *adj.* **1** of or relating to a pastor **2** of shepherds **3** of rustic life **4** peaceful; simple
past participle *Gram.* a participle used *a)* to express completed action (Ex.: *gone* in "he has gone") *b)* to form the passive voice (Ex.: *done* in "the deed was done") *c)* as an adjective (Ex.: *fried* in "fried fish")
pas·tra·mi (pə strä′mē) *n.* [E Yiddish, ult. < Turk *basdyrma*, dried meat] highly spiced smoked beef
pas·try (pās′trē) *n.*, *pl.* **-tries** [see PASTE & -ERY] **1** pies, tarts, etc. with crusts baked from flour dough made with shortening **2** broadly, all fancy baked goods
pas·tur·age (pas′chər ij) *n.* PASTURE
pas·ture (pas′chər) *n.* [< L *pascere*, to feed] **1** grass, etc. used as food by grazing animals **2** ground suitable for grazing —*vt.* **-tured**, **-tur·ing** to put (cattle, etc.) out to graze in a pasture
past·y (pās′tē) *adj.* **-i·er**, **-i·est** of or like paste in color or texture
pat[1] (pat) *n.* [prob. echoic] **1** a gentle tap or stroke with the hand or a flat object **2** the sound made by this **3** a small lump, as of butter —*vt.* **pat′ted**, **pat′ting** **1** to tap or stroke gently, esp. with the hand **2** to shape or apply by patting —*adj.* **1** exactly suitable **2** so glibly plausible as to seem contrived —**pat on the back** **1** a compliment **2** to praise —**stand pat** to refuse to change an opinion, etc.
pat[2] *abbrev.* **1** patent **2** patented
patch (pach) *n.* [ME *pacche*] **1** a piece of material applied to mend a hole or

strengthen a weak spot **2** a bandage **3** an area or spot *[patches* of blue sky*]* **4** a small plot of land **5** a scrap; bit **6** an adhesive pad containing a drug or hormone that is absorbed through the skin —***vt.*** **1** to put a patch on **2** to produce crudely or hurriedly —**patch up** to settle (differences, a quarrel, etc.)

patch test *Med.* a test for allergy, made by attaching a sample of a substance to the skin and observing the reaction



PATCHWORK QUILT

patch'work' ***n.*** needlework, as a quilt, made of patches of cloth sewn together at their edges

patch'y ***adj.*** **-i·er, -i·est** **1** made up of patches **2** not consistent or uniform; irregular —**patch'i·ness** ***n.***

pate (pāt) ***n.*** [< ?] the head, esp. the top of the head: a humorous term

pâ·té (pä tā') ***n.*** [Fr] a meat paste or pie

pa·tel·la (pə tel'ə) ***n.***, *pl.* **-las** or **-lae** (-ē) [< L *patina,* a pan] a movable bone at the front of the human knee

pat·ent (pat''nt; *also for adj. 1 & 2,* pāt'-) ***adj.*** [< L *patere,* be open] **1** obvious; plain **2** of or having to do with patents —***n.*** **1** a document granting the exclusive right to produce or sell an invention, etc. for a specified time **2** *a)* the right so granted *b)* the thing protected by such a right —***vt.*** to secure a patent for

patent leather (pat''nt) leather with a hard, glossy finish: formerly patented

patent medicine (pat''nt) a trademarked medical preparation

pa·ter·nal (pə tur'nəl) ***adj.*** [< L *pater,* father] **1** of, like, or from a father **2** related through the father's side of the family —**pa·ter'nal·ly** ***adv.***

pa·ter'nal·ism' ***n.*** the governing or controlling of a country, employees, etc. in a manner suggesting a father's relationship with his children —**pa·ter'nal·is'tic** ***adj.***

pa·ter'ni·ty (-nə tē) ***n.*** **1** the state of being a father **2** male parentage

pa·ter·nos·ter (pät'ər näs'tər) ***n.*** [L, our father] the Lord's Prayer, esp. in Latin: often **Pater Noster**

path (path) ***n.*** [OE *pæth*] **1** a way worn by footsteps **2** a walk for the use of people on foot **3** a line of movement **4** a course of conduct, thought, etc. —**path'less** ***adj.***

pa·thet·ic (pə thet'ik) ***adj.*** [see PATHOS] **1** arousing pity, sorrow, etc.; pitiful **2** pitifully unsuccessful, etc. —**pa·thet'i·cal·ly** ***adv.***

pathetic fallacy in literature, the attribution of human feelings and characteristics to inanimate things (Ex.: the angry sea)

patho- [< Gr: see PATHOS] *combining form* suffering, disease, feeling: also **path-**

path·o·gen (path'ə jən) ***n.*** [prec. + -GEN] a microorganism, etc. capable of causing disease —**path'o·gen'ic** (-jen'ik) ***adj.***

pa·thol·o·gy (pə thäl'ə jē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-gies** [< Gr *pathologia:* see fol. & -LOGY] **1** the branch of medicine that deals with the nature of disease, esp. with structural and functional effects **2** any abnormal variation from a sound condition —**path·o·log·i·cal** (path'ə läj'i kəl) ***adj.*** —**pa·thol'o·gist** ***n.***

pa·thos (pā'thäs') ***n.*** [Gr, suffering, disease, feeling] the quality in something which arouses pity, sorrow, sympathy, etc.

path'way' ***n.*** PATH

-pa·thy (pə thē) [< Gr: see PATHOS] *combining form* **1** feeling *[telepathy]* **2** (treatment of) disease *[osteopathy]*

pa·tience (pā'shəns) ***n.*** a being patient; calm endurance

pa'tient (-shənt) ***adj.*** [< L *pati,* endure] **1** enduring pain, trouble, etc. without complaining **2** calmly tolerating delay, confusion, etc. **3** diligent; persevering —***n.*** one receiving medical care —**pa'tient·ly** ***adv.***

pat·i·na (pat''n ə, pə tē'nə) ***n.*** [Fr < It] a fine greenish crust on bronze or copper, formed by oxidation

pa·ti·o (pat'ē ō', pät'-) ***n.***, *pl.* **-os'** [Sp] **1** a courtyard open to the sky **2** a paved area adjoining a house, for outdoor lounging, dining, etc.

pa·tois (pa'twä') ***n.***, *pl.* **-tois'** (-twäz') [Fr] a provincial or local dialect

pat pend *abbrev.* patent pending

patri- [< Gr *patēr*] *combining form* father: also **patr-**

pa·tri·arch (pā'trē ärk') ***n.*** [< Gr *patēr,* father + *archein,* to rule] **1** the father and head of a family or tribe, as Abraham, Isaac, or Jacob in the Bible **2** a man of great age and dignity **3** [*often* **P-**] a high-ranking bishop, as in the Eastern Orthodox Church —**pa'tri·ar'chal** ***adj.***

pa'tri·arch'y (-är'kē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ies** **1** a form of social organization in which the father is head of the family, descent being traced through the male line **2** rule or domination by men

pa·tri·cian (pə trish'ən) ***n.*** [< L *pater,* father] an aristocrat

pat·ri·cide (pa'trə sīd') ***n.*** **1** the murdering of one's father **2** a person who does this —**pat'ri·ci'dal** ***adj.***

pat'ri·mo'ny (-mō'nē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-nies** [< L *pater,* father] property inherited from one's father or ancestors —**pat'ri·mo'ni·al** ***adj.***

pa·tri·ot (pā'trē ət) ***n.*** [< Gr *patris,* fatherland] one who loves and zealously supports one's own country —

pa′tri·ot′ic (-ät′ik) *adj.* —**pa′tri·ot′i·cal·ly** *adv.* —**pa′tri·ot·ism′** *n.*

pa·trol (pə trōl′) *vt., vi.* **-trolled′, -trol′ling** [Fr *patrouiller*] to make a regular, repeated circuit (of) in guarding —*n.* **1** a patrolling **2** a person or group patrolling

patrol car a police car used to patrol an area

pa·trol′man (-mən) *n., pl.* **-men** (-mən) a police officer who patrols a certain area

patrol wagon an enclosed truck used by police to carry prisoners

pa·tron (pā′trən) *n.* [< L *pater*, father] **1** a protector; benefactor **2** a person, usually wealthy, who sponsors and supports some person, activity, etc. **3** a regular customer —**pa′tron·ess** *fem.n.*

pa·tron·age (pā′trə nij, pa′-) *n.* **1** support, encouragement, etc. given by a patron **2** *a*) clientele *b*) business; trade **3** *a*) the power to grant political favors *b*) such favors

pa·tron·ize (pā′trə nīz′, pa′-) *vt.* **-ized′, -iz′ing** **1** to sponsor; support **2** to be kind or helpful to, but in a haughty or snobbish way **3** to be a regular customer of

patron saint a saint looked upon as a special guardian

pat·ro·nym·ic (pa′trə nim′ik) *n.* [< Gr *patēr*, father + *onyma*, name] a name showing descent from a given person (Ex.: *Johnson*, son of John)

pat·sy (pat′sē) *n., pl.* **-sies** [Slang] a person easily imposed upon or victimized

pat·ter[1] (pat′ər) *vi.* [< PAT[1]] to make, or move so as to make, a patter —*n.* a series of quick, light taps [the *patter* of rain]

pat·ter[2] (pat′ər) *vi.* [< PATERNOSTER] to speak rapidly or glibly —*n.* **1** glib, rapid speech, as of salespeople or comedians **2** idle chatter

pat·tern (pat′ərn) *n.* [< OFr *patrun*, patron] **1** a person or thing worthy of imitation **2** a model or plan used in making things **3** a design **4** a regular way of acting or doing **5** a predictable route, movement, etc. —*vt.* to make or do in imitation of a pattern

pat·ty (pat′ē) *n., pl.* **-ties** [Fr *pâté*, pie] **1** a small pie **2** a small, flat cake of ground meat, fish, etc.

patty shell a small pastry case for a single portion of creamed fish, etc.

pau·ci·ty (pô′sə tē) *n.* [< L *paucus*, few] **1** smallness of number or amount **2** scarcity

Paul (pôl) (original name *Saul*) (died A.D. 67?); the Apostle of Christianity to the Gentiles: author of several Letters in the New Testament: also **Saint Paul**

Paul Bun·yan (bun′yən) *American Folklore* a giant lumberjack who performs superhuman feats

paunch (pônch) *n.* [< L *pantex*, belly] a potbelly —**paunch′y** *adj.*

pau·per (pô′pər) *n.* [L] an extremely poor person, esp. one who lives on charity —**pau′per·ize′, -ized′, -iz′ing**, *vt.*

pause (pôz) *n.* [< Gr *pauein*, to bring to an end] a temporary stop or rest —*vi.* **paused, paus′ing** to make a pause; stop

pave (pāv) *vt.* **paved, pav′ing** [< L *pavire*, to beat] to cover the surface of (a road, etc.), as with concrete —**pave the way (for)** to prepare the way (for)

pave′ment *n.* a paved surface, as of concrete; specif., a paved road, etc.

pa·vil·ion (pə vil′yən) *n.* [< L *papilio*, tent] **1** a large tent **2** a building, often partly open, for exhibits, etc., as at a fair or park **3** any of a group of related buildings, as of a hospital

Pav·lov (pav′lôv′), **I·van** (i vän′) 1849-1936; Russ. physiologist

paw (pô) *n.* [< OFr *poue*] **1** the foot of a four-footed animal having claws **2** [Inf.] a hand —*vt., vi.* **1** to touch, dig, hit, etc. with paws or feet **2** to handle clumsily or roughly

pawl (pôl) *n.* [< ?] a device, as a hinged tongue which engages cogs in a wheel, allowing rotation in only one direction

pawn[1] (pôn) *n.* [< L *pannus*, cloth] **1** anything given as security, as for a debt **2** the state of being pledged [a ring in *pawn*] —*vt.* **1** to give as security **2** to wager or risk

pawn[2] (pôn) *n.* [< ML *pedo*, foot soldier] **1** a chess piece of the lowest value **2** a person used to advance another's purposes

pawn′bro′ker *n.* a person licensed to lend money at interest on personal property left as security

pawn′shop′ *n.* a pawnbroker's shop

paw·paw (pô′pô′) *n. var. of* PAPAW

pay (pā) *vt.* **paid** or [Obs.] (except in PAY OUT) **payed, pay′ing** [< L *pacare*, pacify] **1** to give to (a person) what is due, as for goods or services **2** to give (what is due) in return, as for goods or services **3** to settle (a debt, etc.) **4** *a*) to give (a compliment, etc.) *b*) to make (a visit, etc.) **5** to be profitable to —*vi.* **1** to give due compensation **2** to be profitable —*n.* money paid; esp., wages or salary —*adj.* **1** operated by the insertion of coins [a *pay* phone] **2** designating a service, etc. paid for by fees [*pay* TV] —**in the pay of** employed and paid by —**pay back** **1** to repay **2** to retaliate upon —**pay down** to pay (part of the price) at purchase as an installment —**pay for** to suffer or atone for (a wrong) —**pay off** **1** to pay all that is owed on or to **2** to yield full recompense **3** [Inf.] to succeed —**pay out** to let out (a rope, cable, etc.) —**pay up** to pay in full or on time —**pay′er** *n.*

pay′a·ble *adj.* **1** that can be paid **2** due to be paid (*on* a specified date)

pay′check′ *n.* a check in payment of wages or salary

pay′day′ *n.* the day on which salary or wages are paid

pay dirt soil, ore, etc. rich in minerals —**hit** (or **strike**) **pay dirt** [Inf.] to discover a source of wealth, success, etc.

pay·ee (pā ē′) *n.* one to whom a payment is made or owed

pay′load′ *n.* **1** a cargo **2** a load, as a warhead or satellite, carried by an aircraft, rocket, etc. but not essential to its

flight operations

pay′mas′ter *n.* the official in charge of paying employees

pay′ment *n.* **1** a paying or being paid **2** something that is paid

pay′off′ *n.* **1** a settlement, reckoning, or payment **2** [Inf.] a bribe **3** [Inf.] a climax or culmination

pay·o·la (pā ō′lə) *n.* [Slang] a bribe, as to a disc jockey for unfairly promoting a certain record

pay′out′ *n.* **1** a paying out; disbursement **2** an amount paid out; dividend

pay′-per-view′ *adj. TV* of a system for paying for single showings of films or programs, as by cable or satellite —*n.* such a system

pay phone (or **station**) a public telephone, usually coin-operated

pay′roll′ *n.* **1** a list of employees to be paid, with the amount due to each **2** the total amount needed for this

Pb [L *plumbum*] *Chem. symbol for* lead

PBX *n.* [*p*(*rivate*) *b*(*ranch*) (*e*)*x*(*change*)] a telephone system within an organization, having outside lines

PC[1] *n.*, *pl.* **PCs** or **PC's** PERSONAL COMPUTER

PC[2] *abbrev.* politically correct or political correctness

pct *abbrev.* percent

PCV valve [*p*(*ositive*) *c*(*rankcase*) *v*(*entilation*)] a valve regulating the pollution control system of a motor vehicle

pd *abbrev.* paid

Pd *Chem. symbol for* palladium

PE *abbrev.* **1** physical education **2** Prince Edward Island

pea (pē) *n.*, *pl.* **peas** [< ME *pese*, a pea, taken as pl.; ult. < Gr *pison*] **1** a climbing plant with green pods **2** its small round seed, used as a vegetable

peace (pēs) *n.* [< L *pax*] **1** freedom from war **2** an agreement to end war **3** law and order **4** harmony; concord **5** serenity or quiet —**hold** (or **keep**) **one's peace** to be silent —**peace′a·ble** *adj.*

peace′ful *adj.* **1** not quarrelsome **2** free from disturbance; calm **3** of or in a time of peace —**peace′ful·ly** *adv.*

peace′mak′er *n.* a person who makes peace, as by settling quarrels —**peace′mak′ing** *n.*, *adj.*

peace officer an officer entrusted with maintaining law and order, as a sheriff

peace pipe a ceremonial pipe smoked by American Indians as part of a peace conference

peace′time′ *n.* a time of freedom from war —*adj.* of such a time

peach (pēch) *n.* [< L *Persicum* (*malum*), Persian (apple)] **1** a tree with round, juicy, orange-yellow fruit having a fuzzy skin and a rough pit **2** its fruit **3** the color of this fruit **4** [Slang] a well-liked person or thing

pea·cock (pē′käk′) *n.* [< L *pavo*, peacock] the male of a pheasantlike bird (**pea′fowl′**), with a long, showy tail that can be spread out like a fan —**pea′hen′** *fem.n.*

pea jacket (pē) [< Du *pijjekker*] a hip-length, double-breasted coat of heavy woolen cloth, worn orig. by seamen

peak (pēk) *n.* [var. of Brit dial. *pike*, prob. < ON *pic*] **1** a pointed end or top, as of a cap or roof **2** *a*) the summit of a hill or mountain ending in a point *b*) a mountain with such a summit **3** the highest or utmost point of anything —*adj.* maximum —*vi.* to come to a peak

peak·ed (pē′kid) *adj.* [< ?] thin and drawn, or weak and pale, as from illness

peal (pēl) *n.* [ME *apele*, appeal] **1** the loud ringing of a bell or bells **2** a set of tuned bells **3** a loud, prolonged sound, as of thunder or laughter —*vi.*, *vt.* to sound in a peal; ring

pea′nut′ *n.* **1** a vine related to the pea, with underground pods containing edible seeds **2** the pod or any of its seeds **3** [*pl.*] [Slang] a trifling sum of money

peanut butter a food paste or spread made by grinding roasted peanuts

pear (per) *n.* [< L *pirum*] **1** a tree with greenish-yellow, brown, or reddish fruit **2** the juicy fruit, round at the base and narrowing toward the stem

pearl (purl) *n.* [< L *perna*, sea mussel] **1** a smooth, hard, usually white or bluish-gray object, a roundish growth formed within the shell of some oysters and other mollusks: used as a gem **2** MOTHER-OF-PEARL **3** any person or thing like a pearl in beauty, value, etc. **4** bluish-gray —**pearl′y**, **-i·er**, **-iest**, *adj.*

Pearl Harbor inlet on the S coast of Oahu, Hawaii: site of a U.S. naval base bombed by Japan on Dec. 7, 1941

peas·ant (pez′ənt) *n.* [< LL *pagus*, district] **1** a small farmer or farm laborer, as in Europe or Asia **2** a person regarded as boorish, ignorant, etc. —**peas′ant·ry** *n.*

peat (pēt) *n.* [< ML *peta*, piece of turf] partly decayed plant matter from ancient swamps, used for fuel

peat moss peat composed of residues of mosses, used as mulch

peb·ble (peb′əl) *n.* [< OE *papol-*(*stan*), pebble (stone), prob. echoic] a small stone worn smooth and round, as by running water —**peb′bly**, **-bli·er**, **-bli·est**, *adj.*

pe·can (pē kän′, -kan′; pi-; pē′kän′, -kan′) *n.* [< AmInd] **1** an edible nut with a thin, smooth shell **2** the tree it grows on

pec·ca·dil·lo (pek′ə dil′ō) *n.*, *pl.* **-loes** or **-los** [< Sp < L *peccare*, to sin] a small fault or offense

pec·ca·ry (pek′ə rē) *n.*, *pl.* **-ries** [< native name] a piglike animal of North and South America, with sharp tusks

peck[1] (pek) *vt.* [ME *picken*, to pick] **1** to strike, as with a beak **2** to make by doing this [to *peck* a hole] **3** to pick up with the beak —*vi.* to make strokes as with a pointed object —*n.* **1** a stroke so made **2** [Inf.] a quick, casual kiss —**peck at** [Inf.] **1** to eat very little of **2** to criticize constantly

peck[2] (pek) *n.* [< OFr *pek*] a unit of dry measure, ¼ bushel or eight quarts

pecking order a hierarchy of members of a group, based on status, relative power, etc.

pec·tin (pek′tin) ***n.*** [< Gr *pēktos*, congealed] a carbohydrate, obtained from certain fruits, which yields a gel that is the basis of jellies and jams

pec·to·ral (pek′tə rəl) ***adj.*** [< L *pectus*, breast] of or located in or on the chest or breast

pec·u·la·tion (pek′yo͞o lā′shən) ***n.*** [ult. < L *peculium*, private property] embezzlement

pe·cu·liar (pi kyo͞ol′yər) ***adj.*** [< L *peculium*: see prec.] **1** of only one person, thing, etc.; exclusive **2** special **3** odd; strange —**pe·cu′liar·ly** ***adv.***

pe·cu·li·ar·i·ty (pi kyo͞o′lē er′ə tē) ***n.*** **1** a being peculiar **2** *pl.* **-ties** something that is peculiar, as a trait

pe·cu·ni·ar·y (pi kyo͞o′nē er′ē) ***adj.*** [< L *pecunia*, money] of or involving money

ped·a·gogue or **ped·a·gog** (ped′ə gäg′) ***n.*** [< Gr *paidagōgos* < *pais*, child + *agein*, to lead] a teacher, esp. a pedantic one

ped′a·gog′y (-gäj′ē, -gō′jē) ***n.*** the art or science of teaching; esp., instruction in teaching methods —**ped′a·gog′ic** or **ped′a·gog′i·cal** ***adj.***

ped·al (ped′′l) ***adj.*** [< L *pes*, FOOT] of the foot or feet —***n.*** a lever operated by the foot, as on a bicycle or organ —***vt.***, ***vi.*** **-aled** or **-alled**, **-al·ing** or **-al·ling** to operate by pedals; use the pedals of

ped·ant (ped′′nt) ***n.*** [ult. < Gr *paidagōgos*: see PEDAGOGUE] **1** one who emphasizes trivial points of learning **2** a narrow-minded teacher who insists on exact adherence to rules —**pe·dan′tic** ***adj.*** —**ped′ant·ry** ***n.***

ped·dle (ped′′l) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** **-dled**, **-dling** [< ? ME *ped*, basket] to go from place to place selling (small articles) —**ped′dler** ***n.***

-pede (pēd) [< L *pes*] *combining form*, foot or feet *[centipede]*

ped·er·as·ty (ped′ər as′tē) ***n.*** [< Gr *paiderastēs*, lover of boys] sodomy between males, esp. between a man and a boy —**ped′er·ast′** ***n.***

ped·es·tal (ped′əs təl) ***n.*** [< It *piè*, foot + *di*, of + *stal*, a rest] a bottom support of a pillar, statue, etc.

pe·des·tri·an (pi des′trē ən) ***adj.*** [< L *pes*, foot] **1** going or done on foot **2** of or for pedestrians **3** ordinary and dull; prosaic —***n.*** one who goes on foot; walker

pe·di·at·rics (pē′dē a′triks) ***n.*** [< Gr *pais*, child + *iatros*, physician] the branch of medicine dealing with the care of infants and children —**pe′di·a·tri′cian** (-ə trish′ən) ***n.*** —**pe′di·at′ric** ***adj.***

ped·i·cab (ped′i kab′) ***n.*** [< L *pes*, foot + CAB] a three-wheeled carriage, esp. formerly in SE Asia, pedaled like a bicycle by the driver

ped·i·cure (ped′i kyo͝or′) ***n.*** [< L *pes*, FOOT + *cura*, care] a trimming, polishing, etc. of the toenails

ped·i·gree (ped′i grē′) ***n.*** [< MFr *pié de grue*, lit., crane's foot: from lines in genealogical tree] **1** a list of ancestors **2** descent; lineage **3** a known line of descent, esp. of a purebred animal —**ped′i·greed′** ***adj.***

ped·i·ment (ped′i mənt) ***n.*** [< earlier *periment*, prob. < PYRAMID] an ornamental gable or triangular piece on the front of a building, over a doorway, etc.: see PORTICO, illus.

pe·dom·e·ter (pē däm′ət ər, pi-) ***n.*** [< L *pes*, foot + Gr *metron*, a measure] an instrument carried to measure the distance walked

ped·o·phil·i·a (ped′ə fil′ē ə) ***n.*** [< Gr *pais*, child + *philos*, loving] an abnormal condition in which an adult has a sexual desire for children —**pe′do·phile′** ***n.***

pe·dun·cle (pē duŋ′kəl, pē′duŋ′-) ***n.*** [< L *pes*, foot] a stalklike part in some plants, animals, etc.

peek (pēk) ***vi.*** [ME *piken*] to look quickly and furtively —***n.*** such a look

peel (pēl) ***vt.*** [< L *pilare*, make bald] to cut away (the rind, skin, etc.) of —***vi.*** **1** to shed skin, etc. **2** to come off in layers or flakes —***n.*** the rind or skin of fruit —**peel′er** ***n.***

peel′ing ***n.*** a peeled-off strip

peen (pēn) ***n.*** [prob. < Scand] the end of a hammerhead opposite the flat striking surface, usually ball-shaped or wedge-shaped

peep[1] (pēp) ***vi.*** [echoic] to make the short, high-pitched cry of a young bird —***n.*** a peeping sound

peep[2] (pēp) ***vi.*** [ME *pepen*] **1** to look through a small opening or from a place of hiding **2** to appear gradually or partially —***n.*** a brief look; furtive glimpse —**peep′er** ***n.***

peep′hole′ ***n.*** a hole to peep through

peeping Tom [after legendary tailor who peeped at Lady GODIVA] one who gets sexual pleasure from furtively watching others

peer[1] (pir) ***n.*** [< L *par*, an equal] **1** a person or thing of the same rank, ability, etc.; an equal **2** a British noble —**peer′age** (-ij) ***n.*** —**peer′ess** ***fem.n.***

peer[2] (pir) ***vi.*** [< ? APPEAR] **1** to look closely, as in trying to see more clearly **2** to appear partially

peer′less ***adj.*** without equal

peeve (pēv) [Inf.] ***vt.*** **peeved**, **peev′ing** to make peevish; annoy —***n.*** an annoyance

pee·vish (pē′vish) ***adj.*** [ME *pevische*] irritable; fretful; cross —**pee′vish·ly** ***adv.*** —**pee′vish·ness** ***n.***

pee·wee (pē′wē′) ***n.*** [< ?] [Inf.] an unusually small person or thing

peg (peg) ***n.*** [ME *pegge*] **1** a short piece of wood, metal, etc. used to hold parts together, hang things on, etc. **2** a step or degree **3** [Inf.] a throw —***vt.*** **pegged**, **peg′ging** **1** to fasten, fix, secure, mark, etc. with pegs **2** [Inf.] to throw —**peg away** (**at**) to work steadily (at)

Peg·a·sus (peg′ə səs) ***n.*** *Gr. Myth.* a winged horse

peg′board′ ***n.*** a piece of boardlike

material with rows of holes for hooks or pegs to hold displays, tools, etc.

peign·oir (pān wär′, pen-) ***n.*** ⟦Fr⟧ a woman's full, loose dressing gown

Pei·ping (bā′piŋ′) *a former translitera-tion of* BEIJING

pe·jo·ra·tive (pi jôr′ə tiv) ***adj.*** ⟦< L *pejor*, worse⟧ disparaging or derogatory —**pe·jo′ra·tive·ly** ***adv.***

Pe·king (pē′kiŋ′) *a former translitera-tion of* BEIJING

Pe·king·ese (pē′kə nēz′) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ese′** a small dog with a long, straight coat, short legs, and a short, wrinkled muz-zle: also **Pe′kin·ese′** (-kə nēz′)

pe·koe (pē′kō) ***n.*** ⟦< Chin dial. *pek-ho*, white down (on the leaves used)⟧ a black tea of Sri Lanka and India

pe·lag·ic (pi laj′ik) ***adj.*** ⟦< Gr *pelagos*, sea⟧ of the open sea or ocean

pelf (pelf) ***n.*** ⟦< ? MFr *pelfre*, booty⟧ money or wealth regarded with con-tempt

pel·i·can (pel′i kən) ***n.*** ⟦< Gr *pelekan*⟧ a large, web-footed water bird with an expandable pouch in the lower bill for scooping up fish

pel·la·gra (pə lā′grə, -lag′rə) ***n.*** ⟦It ult. < L *pellis*, skin + Gr *agra*, seizure⟧ a chronic disease caused by a lack of nico-tinic acid in the diet, characterized by skin eruptions and mental disorders

pel·let (pel′it) ***n.*** ⟦< L *pila*, a ball⟧ **1** a little ball, as of clay or medicine **2** a bullet, piece of lead shot, etc.

pell-mell (pel′mel′) ***adv.***, ***adj.*** ⟦< OFr *mesler*, to mix⟧ **1** in a jumble **2** in wild, disorderly haste Also **pell′mell′**

pel·lu·cid (pə lo͞o′sid) ***adj.*** ⟦< L *per*, through + *lucere*, to shine⟧ **1** transpar-ent; clear **2** easy to understand

pelt[1] (pelt) ***vt.*** ⟦ME *pelten*⟧ **1** to throw things at **2** to beat repeatedly —***vi.*** to strike heavily or steadily: said as of hard rain

pelt[2] (pelt) ***n.*** ⟦prob. < OFr *pel*, a skin⟧ the skin of a fur-bearing animal, esp. when stripped from the carcass

pel·vis (pel′vis) ***n.***, *pl.* **-vis·es** or **-ves′** (-vēz′) ⟦L, basin⟧ **1** the basinlike cavity in the posterior part of the trunk in many vertebrates: in humans, it sup-ports the spinal column and rests on the legs **2** the bones forming this cav-ity —**pel′vic** ***adj.***

pem·mi·can (pem′i kən) ***n.*** ⟦< AmInd⟧ a concentrated food made of dried beef, suet, dried fruit, etc.

pen[1] (pen) ***n.*** ⟦OE *penn*⟧ **1** a small enclosure for domestic animals **2** any small enclosure —***vt.*** **penned** or **pent**, **pen′ning** to enclose as in a pen

pen[2] (pen) ***n.*** ⟦< L *penna*, a feather⟧ a device used in writing, etc. with ink; specif., *a*) a device with a metal point split into two nibs *b*) BALLPOINT (PEN) *c*) FOUNTAIN PEN —***vt.*** **penned**, **pen′ning** to write with or as with a pen

pen[3] (pen) ***n.*** [Slang] a penitentiary

Pen or **pen** *abbrev.* peninsula

pe·nal (pē′nəl) ***adj.*** ⟦< Gr *poinē*, penalty⟧ of, for, constituting, or making a person liable to punishment

pe·nal·ize (pē′nə līz′, pen′ə-) ***vt.*** **-ized′**, **-iz′ing** to impose a penalty on; punish —**pe′nal·i·za′tion** ***n.***

pen·al·ty (pen′əl tē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ties** **1** a punishment **2** the handicap, etc. imposed on an offender, as a fine

pen·ance (pen′əns) ***n.*** ⟦see PENITENT⟧ voluntary self-punishment to show repentance for wrongdoing, sins, etc.

pence (pens) ***n.*** [Brit.] *pl. of* PENNY

pen·chant (pen′chənt) ***n.*** ⟦Fr < *pencher*, to incline⟧ a strong liking

pen·cil (pen′səl) ***n.*** ⟦< L *penis*, a tail⟧ a rod-shaped instrument with a core of graphite, crayon, etc. that is sharpened to a point for writing, drawing, etc. — ***vt.*** **-ciled** or **-cilled**, **-cil·ing** or **-cil·ling** to write, etc. with a pencil

pend (pend) ***vi.*** ⟦< L *pendere*, hang⟧ to await judgment or decision

pend·ant (pen′dənt) ***n.*** ⟦see prec.⟧ a hanging ornamental object, as one on a necklace or earring

pend·ent (pen′dənt) ***adj.*** ⟦see PEND⟧ **1** suspended **2** overhanging **3** unde-cided; pending

pend′ing ***adj.*** ⟦prp. of PEND, infl. by Fr *pendant*, L *pendens*⟧ **1** not decided **2** impending —***prep.*** until

pen·du·lous (pen′dyo͞o ləs, -jo͞o-) ***adj.*** ⟦see PEND⟧ hanging freely; drooping

pen·du·lum (pen′dyo͞o ləm, -jo͞o-) ***n.*** ⟦see PEND⟧ a weight hung so as to swing freely to and fro: used to regulate clock movements

pen·e·trate (pen′i trāt′) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** **-trat′ed**, **-trat′ing** ⟦< L *penitus*, inward⟧ **1** to enter by or as by piercing **2** to have an effect throughout **3** to affect deeply **4** to understand —**pen′e·tra·ble** (-trə bəl) ***adj.*** —**pen′e·tra′tion** ***n.***

pen·e·trat·ing (pen′i trāt′iŋ) ***adj.*** **1** that penetrates **2** sharp; piercing **3** acute; discerning Also **pen′e·tra′tive** (-trāt′iv)

pen·guin (peŋ′gwin, pen′-) ***n.*** ⟦prob. < Welsh⟧ a flightless bird of the Southern Hemisphere with webbed feet and flip-pers for swimming

pen·i·cil·lin (pen′i sil′in) ***n.*** ⟦< L *penicil-lus*, brush⟧ an antibiotic obtained from certain molds or produced synthetically

pen·in·su·la (pə nin′sə lə) ***n.*** ⟦< L *paene*, almost + *insula*, isle⟧ a land area almost surrounded by water —**pen·in′su·lar** ***adj.***

pe·nis (pē′nis) ***n.***, *pl.* **-nis·es** or **-nes′** (-nēz′) ⟦L⟧ the male organ of sexual intercourse —**pe′nile′** (-nīl′) ***adj.***

pen·i·tent (pen′i tənt) ***adj.*** ⟦< L *paenitere*, repent⟧ sorry for having done wrong and willing to atone —***n.*** a peni-tent person —**pen′i·tence** ***n.*** —**pen′i·ten′tial** (-ten′shəl) ***adj.*** —**pen′i·tent·ly** ***adv.***

pen·i·ten·tia·ry (pen′i ten′shə rē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ries** a state or federal prison for per-sons convicted of serious crimes

pen′knife′ ***n.***, *pl.* **-knives′** (-nīvz′) a small pocketknife

pen′light′ or **pen′lite′** ***n.*** a flashlight about the size of a fountain pen

pen′man (-mən) ***n.***, *pl.* **-men** (-mən) one skilled in penmanship

pen′man·ship′ *n.* handwriting as an art or skill

Penn (pen), **William** 1644-1718; Eng. Quaker: founder of Pennsylvania

pen name a pseudonym

pen·nant (pen′ənt) *n.* [< PENNON] **1** any long, narrow flag **2** such a flag symbolizing a championship, esp. in baseball

pen·ne (pen′ā′) *n.* pasta in the form of tubes, cut diagonally on the ends

pen·ni·less (pen′ə lis) *adj.* without even a penny; extremely poor

pen·non (pen′ən) *n.* [< L *penna,* a feather] a flag or pennant

Penn·syl·va·ni·a (pen′səl vān′yə) state of the NE U.S.: 44,820 sq. mi.; pop. 11,882,000; cap. Harrisburg: abbrev. *PA* —**Penn′syl·va′ni·an** *adj., n.*

pen·ny (pen′ē) *n., pl.* **-nies** or **pence** (pens) [< OE *penig*] **1** in the United Kingdom, $\frac{1}{100}$ of a pound **2** a U.S. or Canadian cent

penny arcade a building, as at an amusement park, with coin-operated games, etc.

penny pincher a miserly person —**pen′ny-pinch′ing** *n., adj.*

pen′ny·weight′ *n.* a unit of weight, equal to $\frac{1}{20}$ ounce troy weight

pen′ny-wise′ *adj.* thrifty in small matters —**penny-wise and pound-foolish** thrifty in small matters but wasteful in major ones

pe·nol·o·gy (pē näl′ə jē) *n.* [< Gr *poinē,* punishment + -LOGY] the study of prison management and prison reform

pen pal a person, esp. a stranger in another country, with whom one exchanges letters

pen·sion (pen′shən) *n.* [< L *pensio,* a paying] a regular payment, not wages, as to one who is retired or disabled —*vt.* to grant a pension to

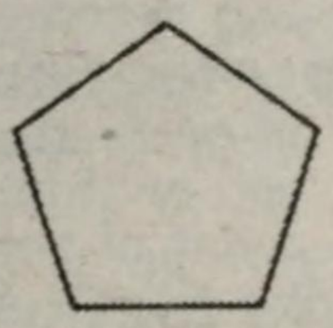
pen′sion·er *n.* one who receives a pension

pen·sive (pen′siv) *adj.* [< L *pensare,* consider] thoughtful or reflective, often in a melancholy way —**pen′sive·ly** *adv.* —**pen′sive·ness** *n.*

pent (pent) *vt. alt. pt. & pp. of* PEN[1] — *adj.* held or kept in; penned: often with *up*

penta- [< Gr *pente,* FIVE] *combining form* five

pen·ta·gon (pen′tə gän′) *n.* [< Gr *penta-,* five + *gōnia,* an angle] a plane figure with five angles and five sides —**the Pentagon** the pentagonal office building of the Defense Department, located near Washington, DC — **pen·tag′o·nal** (-tag′ə nəl) *adj.*



PENTAGON

pen·tam·e·ter (pen tam′ət ər) *n.* [see PENTA- & METER[1]] a line of verse containing five metrical feet; esp., English iambic pentameter (Ex.: "Hĕ jésts| ăt scaŕs| whŏ név| ĕr félt| ă woúnd")

Pen·ta·teuch (pen′tə to͞ok′) *n.* [< Gr *penta-,* five + *teuchos,* book] the first five books of the Bible

pen·tath·lon (pen tath′län′) *n.* [< Gr *penta-,* five + *athlon,* a contest] an athletic contest in which each contestant takes part in five events —**pen·tath′lete′** (-lēt′) *n.*

Pen·te·cost (pen′tə kôst′) *n.* [< Gr *pentēkostē (hēmera),* the fiftieth (day)] a Christian festival on the seventh Sunday after Easter

Pen·te·cos·tal (pen′tə kôs′təl) *adj.* **1** of Pentecost **2** designating or of any of various Protestant fundamentalist sects often stressing direct inspiration by the Holy Spirit —**Pen′te·cos′tal·ism′** *n.*

pent·house (pent′hous′) *n.* [ult. < L *appendere,* append] an apartment on the roof or on the top floor of a building

pent-up (pent′up′) *adj.* held in check; curbed *[pent-up* emotion*]*

pe·nu·che or **pe·nu·chi** (pə no͞o′chē) *n.* [var. of PANOCHA] a candy similar to fudge

pe·nul·ti·mate (pē nul′tə mət) *adj.* [< L *paene,* almost + ULTIMATE] next to the last

pe·nu·ri·ous (pe nyo͝or′ē əs, -no͝or′-) *adj.* [see fol.] miserly; stingy —**pe·nu′ri·ous·ly** *adv.* —**pe·nu′ri·ous·ness** *n.*

pen·u·ry (pen′yo͝o rē, -yə-) *n.* [< L *penuria,* want] extreme poverty

pe·on (pē′än′) *n.* [< ML *pedo,* foot soldier] **1** in Spanish America, a member of the laboring class **2** in the SW U.S., a person forced into servitude to work off a debt —**pe′on·age** (-ə nij) *n.*

pe·o·ny (pē′ə nē) *n., pl.* **-nies** [< Gr *Paiōn,* Apollo as god of medicine: from its former medicinal use] **1** a plant with large, showy, pink, white, red, or yellow flowers **2** the flower

peo·ple (pē′pəl) *n., pl.* **-ples** [< L *populus,* nation, crowd] all the persons of a racial or ethnic group; nation, race, etc. —*pl.n.* **1** *pl. of* PERSON (sense 1) **2** the persons of a certain place, group, or class **3** one's family; relatives **4** the populace **5** persons considered indefinitely *[*what will *people* say?*]* **6** human beings —*vt.* **-pled, -pling** to populate

Pe·or·i·a (pē ôr′ē ə) city in central Illinois: pop. 114,000

pep (pep) [Inf.] *n.* [< fol.] energy; vigor —*vt.* **pepped, pep′ping** to fill with pep; invigorate: with *up* —**pep′py, -pi·er, -pi·est,** *adj.*

pep·per (pep′ər) *n.* [< Gr *peperi*] **1** *a*) a pungent condiment ground from the dried fruits of an East Indian vine *b*) this vine **2** a plant with red or green, sweet or hot pods —*vt.* **1** to season with ground pepper **2** to pelt with small objects

pep′per·corn′ *n.* the dried berry of the pepper

pepper mill a hand mill used to grind peppercorns

pep′per·mint′ *n.* **1** a plant of the mint family that yields a pungent oil used for flavoring **2** the oil **3** a candy flavored with this oil

pep·per·o·ni (pep′ər ō′nē) *n., pl.* **-nis** or **-ni** [< It *peperoni*] a hard, highly spiced

Italian sausage

pepper shaker a container for ground pepper, with a perforated top

pep'per·y *adj.* **1** of, like, or highly seasoned with pepper **2** sharp or fiery, as words **3** hot-tempered

pep·sin (pep'sin) *n.* [< Gr *peptein,* to digest] a stomach enzyme, aiding in the digestion of proteins

pep talk a talk, as to an athletic team by its coach, to instill enthusiasm, determination, etc.

pep·tic (pep'tik) *adj.* [see PEPSIN] **1** of or aiding digestion **2** caused by digestive secretions *[a peptic* ulcer*]*

per (pur) *prep.* [L] **1** through; by; by means of **2** for each *[*fifty cents *per* yard*]* **3** [Inf.] according to

per- [< prec.] *prefix* **1** through, throughout **2** thoroughly

per·ad·ven·ture (pur'əd ven'chər) *adv.* [< OFr *par,* by + *aventure,* chance] [Archaic] possibly

per·am·bu·late (pər am'byo͞o lāt') *vt., vi.* **-lat'ed, -lat'ing** [< L *per,* through + *ambulare,* to walk] to walk (through, over, etc.)

per·am'bu·la'tor (-lāt'ər) *n.* [Chiefly Brit.] a baby carriage

per an·num (pər an'əm) [L] yearly

per·cale (pər kāl') *n.* [Fr < Pers *pargāla,* scrap] fine, closely woven cotton cloth, used for sheets, etc.

per cap·i·ta (pər kap'i tə) [ML, lit., by heads] for each person

per·ceive (pər sēv') *vt., vi.* **-ceived', -ceiv'ing** [< L *per,* through + *capere,* take] **1** to understand **2** to become aware (of) through the senses

per·cent (pər sent') *adv., adj.* [< L *per centum*] in, to, or for every hundred: symbol, %: also **per cent** —*n.* [Inf.] percentage

per·cent'age *n.* **1** a given part in every hundred **2** part; portion **3** [Inf.] advantage; profit

per·cen·tile (pər sen'tīl', -sent'l) *n. Statistics* any of 100 divisions of a series, each of equal frequency

per·cep·ti·ble (pər sep'tə bəl) *adj.* that can be perceived —**per·cep'ti·bly** *adv.*

per·cep'tion (-shən) *n.* [< L *percipere,* perceive] **1** the mental grasp of objects, etc. through the senses **2** insight or intuition **3** the knowledge, etc. gotten by perceiving —**per·cep'tion·al** *adj.*

per·cep'tive (-tiv) *adj.* **1** of perception **2** able to perceive quickly —**per·cep'tive·ly** *adv.* —**per·cep'tive·ness** *n.*

per·cep'tu·al (-cho͞o əl) *adj.* of or involving perception

perch[1] (purch) *n., pl.* **-es** [< Gr *perkē*] **1** a small, spiny-finned, freshwater food fish **2** any of various other spiny-finned fishes

perch[2] (purch) *n.* [< L *pertica,* pole] **1** a horizontal pole, etc. serving as a roost for birds **2** any high resting place —*vi., vt.* to rest or place on or as on a perch

per·chance (pər chans') *adv.* [< OFr *par,* by + *chance,* chance] [Archaic] **1** by chance **2** perhaps

per·co·late (pur'kə lāt') *vt.* **-lat'ed, -lat'ing** [< L *per,* through + *colare,* to strain] to filter (a liquid) through a porous substance —*vi.* to ooze through a porous substance

per'co·la'tor (-lāt'ər) *n.* a coffeepot in which the boiling water bubbles up through a tube and filters back down through the ground coffee

per·cus·sion (pər kush'ən) *n.* [< L *per-,* thoroughly + *quatere,* shake] **1** the hitting of one body against another, as the hammer of a firearm against a powder cap (**percussion cap**) **2** the shock, vibration, etc. from this —*adj.* of a musical instrument producing a tone when struck, as a drum, cymbal, etc.

per·cus'sion·ist *n.* a musician who plays percussion instruments

per di·em (pər dē'əm) [L] daily

per·di·tion (pər dish'ən) *n.* [< L *perdere,* to lose] *Theol.* **1** the loss of the soul **2** HELL

per·dure (pər do͝or') *vi.* **-dured', -dur'ing** [< L *perdurare,* to endure] to remain in existence; last

per·e·gri·nate (per'ə gri nāt') *vt., vi.* **-nat'ed, -nat'ing** [see PILGRIM] to travel (along, over, or through) —**per'e·gri·na'tion** *n.*

per·e·grine (falcon) (per'ə grin) a swift falcon much used in falconry

per·emp·to·ry (pər emp'tə rē) *adj.* [< L *perimere,* destroy] **1** *Law* barring further action; final **2** that cannot be denied, delayed, etc., as a command **3** dogmatic; imperious

per·en·ni·al (pə ren'ē əl) *adj.* [< L *per-,* through + *annus,* year] **1** continuing for a long time **2** becoming active again and again **3** living more than two years: said of plants —*n.* a perennial plant

per·fect (pur'fikt; *for v.* pər fekt') *adj.* [< L *per-,* through + *facere,* do] **1** complete in all respects; flawless **2** excellent, as in skill or quality **3** completely accurate **4** utter; absolute *[*a *perfect* fool*]* **5** *Gram.* expressing a state or action completed at the time of speaking —*vt.* **1** to complete **2** to make perfect or nearly perfect —**per'fect·ly** *adv.*

per·fec·ta (pər fek'tə) *n.* [Sp, perfect] a bet in which one wins if one correctly picks the first and second place finishers in a race

per·fect·i·ble (pər fek'tə bəl) *adj.* that can become, or be made, perfect

per·fec·tion (pər fek'shən) *n.* **1** the act of perfecting **2** a being perfect **3** a person or thing that is the perfect embodiment of some quality

per·fec'tion·ism' *n.* obsessive striving for perfection —**per·fec'tion·ist** *n., adj.*

per·fi·dy (pur'fə dē) *n., pl.* **-dies** [< L *per,* through + *fides,* faith] betrayal of trust; treachery —**per·fid·i·ous** (pər fid'ē əs) *adj.*

per·fo·rate (pur'fə rāt') *vt., vi.* **-rat'ed, -rat'ing** [< L *per,* through + *forare,* to bore] **1** to make a hole or holes through (something), as by boring **2** to pierce with holes in a row —**per'fo·ra'tion** *n.*

per·force (pər fôrs') *adv.* [< OFr: see

PER & FORCE] necessarily

per·form (pər fôrm′) ***vt.*** [< OFr *parfournir*] **1** to do (a task, etc.) **2** to fulfill (a promise, etc.) **3** to render or enact (a piece of music, dramatic role, etc.) —***vi.*** to execute an action or process, esp. in a PERFORMANCE (sense 4) —**per·form′er** ***n.***

per·form′ance ***n.*** **1** the act of performing **2** functional effectiveness **3** deed or feat **4** *a*) a formal exhibition or presentation, as a play *b*) one's part in this

performance art an art form combining elements of several art forms, as dance, film, etc., in a presentation of juxtaposed images on various themes

performing arts arts, such as drama, for performance before an audience

per·fume (pər fyo͞om′; *for n. usually* pur′fyo͞om′) ***vt.*** **-fumed′**, **-fum′ing** [< L *per-*, intens. + *fumare*, to smoke] **1** to scent **2** to put perfume on —***n.*** a pleasing odor, or a substance producing this, as a volatile oil extracted from flowers

per·fum′er·y (-fyo͞o′mə rē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ies** perfumes collectively

per·func·to·ry (pər fuŋk′tə rē) ***adj.*** [< L *per-*, intens. + *fungi*, perform] **1** done without care or interest; superficial **2** indifferent; unconcerned —**per·func′to·ri·ly** ***adv.***

per·go·la (pur′gə lə) ***n.*** [< L *pergula*] an arbor with a latticework roof

per·haps (pər haps′) ***adv.*** [PER + pl. of *hap*, chance] possibly; maybe

peri- [Gr] *prefix* **1** around; about **2** near

per·i·car·di·um (per′ə kär′dē əm) ***n.***, *pl.* **-di·a** (-ə) [< Gr *peri-*, around + *kardia*, heart] in vertebrates, the thin, closed sac surrounding the heart —**per′i·car′di·al** ***adj.***

Per·i·cles (per′ə klēz′) 495?-429 B.C.; Athenian statesman & general

per·i·gee (per′ə jē′) ***n.*** [< Gr *peri-*, near + *gē*, earth] the point nearest to the earth in the orbit of the moon or of a man-made satellite

per·i·he·li·on (per′ə hē′lē ən) ***n.***, *pl.* **-li·ons** or **-li·a** (-ə) [< Gr *peri-*, around + *hēlios*, sun] the point nearest the sun in the orbit of a planet, comet, or man-made satellite

per·il (per′əl) ***n.*** [< L *periculum*, danger] **1** exposure to harm or injury **2** something that may cause harm

per′il·ous (-ə ləs) ***adj.*** involving peril or risk; dangerous —**per′il·ous·ly** ***adv.***

pe·rim·e·ter (pə rim′ə tər) ***n.*** [< Gr *peri-*, around + *metron*, measure] **1** the outer boundary of a figure or area **2** the total length of this

per·i·ne·um (per′ə nē′əm) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ne′a** (-ə) [< Gr *perineon*] the small area between the anus and the genitals

pe·ri·od (pir′ē əd) ***n.*** [< Gr *periodos*, a cycle] **1** the interval between successive occurrences of an event **2** a portion of time characterized by certain processes, etc. *[a period of change]* **3** any of the portions of time into which a game, school day, etc. is divided **4** the menses **5** an end, conclusion **6** *a*) the pause in speaking or a mark of punctuation (.) used at the end of a sentence *b*) the dot (.) following many abbreviations —***interj.*** an exclamation used for emphasis

pe·ri·od·ic (pir′ē äd′ik) ***adj.*** **1** appearing or recurring at regular intervals **2** intermittent

pe′ri·od′i·cal ***adj.*** **1** PERIODIC **2** published at regular intervals, as weekly, etc. **3** of a periodical —***n.*** a periodical publication —**pe′ri·od′i·cal·ly** ***adv.***

periodic table an arrangement of the chemical elements according to their atomic numbers

pe·ri·od·i·za·tion (pir′ē ə də zā′shən) ***n.*** the dividing, as of history, into chronological periods

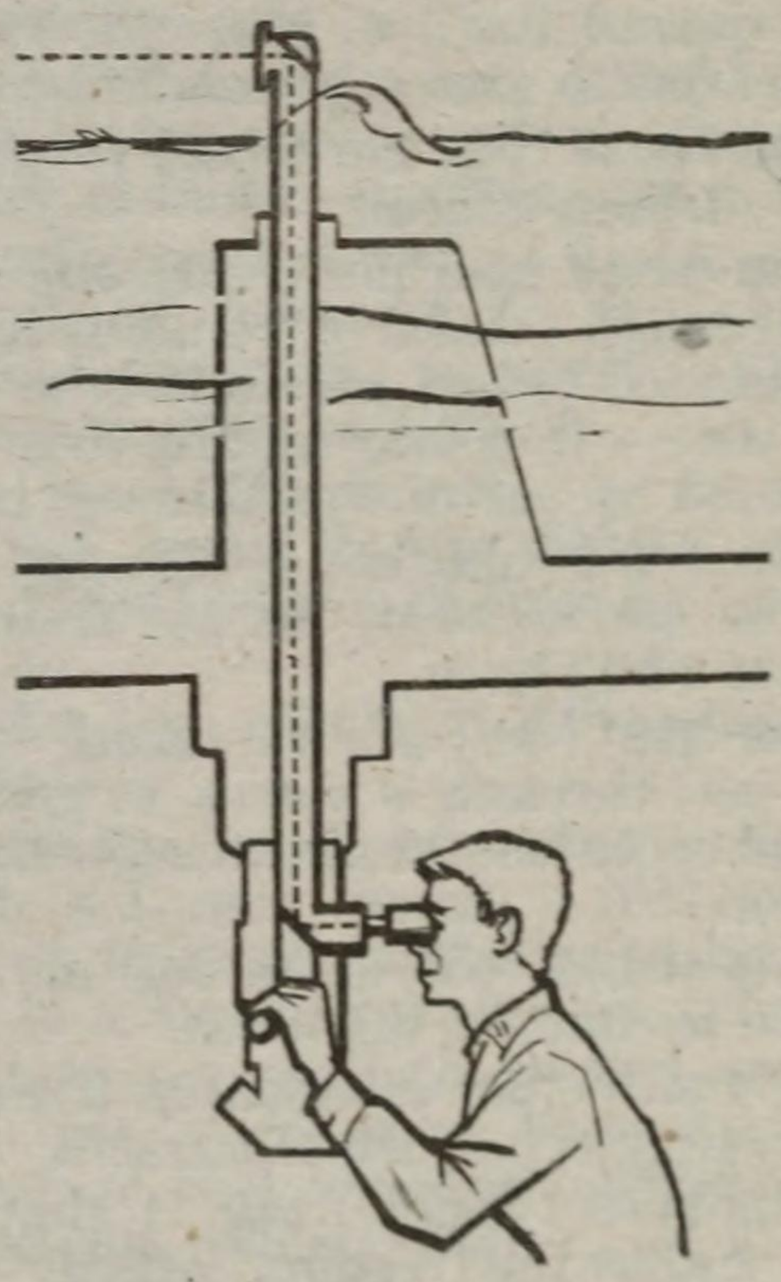
per·i·o·don·tal (per′ē ə dänt′l) ***adj.*** [< PERI- + Gr *odōn*, tooth] occurring around a tooth or affecting the gums

per·i·pa·tet·ic (per′i pə tet′ik) ***adj.*** [< Gr *peri-*, around + *patein*, walk] walking or moving about; itinerant

pe·riph·er·al (pə rif′ər əl) ***adj.*** **1** of or forming a periphery **2** outer; external —***n.*** a piece of equipment used with a computer to increase its range or efficiency, as a disk, etc.

pe·riph·er·y (pə rif′ər ē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ies** [< Gr *peri-*, around + *pherein*, to bear] **1** an outer boundary, esp. of a rounded object **2** surrounding space

pe·riph·ra·sis (pə rif′rə sis) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ses′** (-sēz′) [< Gr *peri-*, around + *phrazein*, to speak] the use of many words where a few would do —**per·i·phras·tic** (per′ə fras′tik) ***adj.***



PERISCOPE

per·i·scope (per′ə skōp′) ***n.*** [PERI- + -SCOPE] an optical instrument which allows one to see around or over an obstacle: used on submarines, etc.

per·ish (per′ish) ***vi.*** [< L *per-*, through + *ire*, go] **1** to be destroyed or ruined **2** to die, esp. violently

per·ish·a·ble (per′ish ə bəl) ***adj.*** that may perish; esp., liable to spoil, as some foods —***n.*** something, esp. a food, liable to spoil

per·i·stal·sis (per′ə stal′sis, -stôl′-) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ses′** (-sēz′) ‖< Gr *peri-*, around + *stellein*, to place‖ the contractions and dilations of the alimentary canal, moving the contents onward —**per′i·stal′tic** ***adj.***

per·i·to·ne·um (per′ə tə nē′əm) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ne′a** (-ə) or **-ne′ums** ‖< Gr *peri-*, around + *teinein*, to stretch‖ the serous membrane lining the abdominal cavity

per′i·to·ni′tis (-nīt′is) ***n.*** inflammation of the peritoneum

per·i·wig (per′ə wig′) ***n.*** ‖altered < Fr *perruque*‖ a wig of a type formerly worn by men

per·i·win·kle[1] (per′ə wiŋ′kəl) ***n.*** ‖< L *pervincire*, entwine‖ a creeping plant with blue, white, or pink flowers

per·i·win·kle[2] (per′ə wiŋ′kəl) ***n.*** ‖OE *pinewincle*‖ a small saltwater snail with a spherical shell

per·jure (pʉr′jər) ***vt.*** **-jured, -jur·ing** ‖< L *per*, through + *jurare*, swear‖ to make (oneself) guilty of perjury —**per′jur·er** ***n.***

per·ju·ry (pʉr′jə rē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ries** ‖< L *perjurus*, false‖ the willful telling of a lie while under oath

perk[1] (pʉrk) ***vt.*** ‖ME *perken*‖ **1** to raise (the head, ears, etc.) briskly **2** to give a smart, fresh, or vivacious look to Often with *up* —***vi.*** to become lively: with *up* —**perk′y, -i·er, -i·est,** ***adj.***

perk[2] (pʉrk) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** [Inf.] *short for* PERCOLATE

perk[3] (pʉrk) ***n.*** [Inf.] *short for* PERQUISITE

perm (pʉrm) [Inf.] ***n.*** *short for* PERMANENT —***vt.*** to give a permanent to

per·ma·frost (pʉr′mə frôst′) ***n.*** permanently frozen subsoil

per·ma·nent (pʉr′mə nənt) ***adj.*** ‖< L *per*, through + *manere*, remain‖ lasting or intended to last indefinitely or for a long time —***n.*** a long-lasting hair wave produced by use of chemicals or heat

per·me·a·ble (pʉr′mē ə bəl) ***adj.*** that can be permeated, as by fluids —**per′me·a·bil′i·ty** ***n.***

per′me·ate′ (-āt′) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** **-at′ed, -at′ing** ‖< L *per*, through + *meare*, to glide‖ to spread or diffuse; penetrate (*through* or *among*)

per·mis·si·ble (pər mis′ə bəl) ***adj.*** that can be permitted; allowable

per·mis·sion (pər mish′ən) ***n.*** the act of permitting; esp., formal consent

per·mis′sive (-mis′iv) ***adj.*** **1** that permits **2** allowing freedom; lenient —**per·mis′sive·ly** ***adv.*** —**per·mis′sive·ness** ***n.***

per·mit (pər mit′; *for n.* pʉr′mit′, pər mit′) ***vt.*** **-mit′ted, -mit′ting** ‖< L *per*, through + *mittere*, send‖ **1** to allow; consent to **2** to authorize —***vi.*** to give opportunity *[if time permits]* —***n.*** a license

per·mu·ta·tion (pʉr′myōō tā′shən) ***n.*** ‖< L *per-*, intens. + *mutare*, change‖ **1** any radical alteration **2** any of the total number of groupings possible within a group

per·ni·cious (pər nish′əs) ***adj.*** ‖< L < *per*, thoroughly + *necare*, kill‖ very harmful or destructive —**per·ni′cious·ly** ***adv.***

per·o·ra·tion (per′ə rā′shən) ***n.*** ‖< L *per*, through + *orare*, speak‖ the concluding part of a speech

per·ox·ide (pər äk′sīd′) ***n.*** ‖< L *per*, through + OXIDE‖ any oxide containing the oxygen group linked by a single bond; specif., hydrogen peroxide —***vt.*** **-id′ed, -id′ing** to bleach (hair, etc.) with hydrogen peroxide

per·pen·dic·u·lar (pʉr′pən dik′yōō lər, -yə-) ***adj.*** ‖< L *perpendiculum*, plumb line‖ **1** at right angles to a given plane or line **2** exactly upright; vertical —***n.*** a line or plane at right angles to another line or plane

per·pe·trate (pʉr′pə trāt′) ***vt.*** **-trat′ed, -trat′ing** ‖< L *per*, thoroughly + *patrare*, to effect‖ **1** to do (something evil, criminal, etc.) **2** to commit (a blunder, etc.) —**per′pe·tra′tion** ***n.*** —**per′pe·tra′tor** ***n.***

per·pet·u·al (pər pech′ōō əl) ***adj.*** ‖< L *perpetuus*, constant‖ **1** lasting forever or for a long time **2** continuing without interruption; constant —**per·pet′u·al·ly** ***adv.***

per·pet′u·ate′ (-āt′) ***vt.*** **-at′ed, -at′ing** to make perpetual; cause to continue or be remembered —**per·pet′u·a′tion** ***n.***

per·pe·tu·i·ty (pʉr′pə tōō′ə tē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ties** unlimited time; eternity —**in perpetuity** forever

per·plex (pər pleks′) ***vt.*** ‖< L *per*, through + *plectere*, twist‖ to make (a person) uncertain, doubtful, etc.; confuse —**per·plex′ing** ***adj.*** —**per·plex′i·ty**, *pl.* **-ties,** ***n.***

per·qui·site (pʉr′kwi zit) ***n.*** ‖< L *per-*, intens. + *quaerere*, seek‖ something in addition to regular pay for one's work, as a tip

per se (pʉr′ sā′, -sē′) ‖L‖ by (or in) itself; intrinsically

per·se·cute (pʉr′si kyōōt′) ***vt.*** **-cut′ed, -cut′ing** ‖< L *per*, through + *sequi*, follow‖ to afflict constantly so as to injure or distress, as for reasons of religion, race, etc. —**per′se·cu′tion** ***n.*** —**per′se·cu′tor** ***n.***

per·se·vere (pʉr′sə vir′) ***vi.*** **-vered′, -ver′ing** ‖< L *per-*, intens. + *severus*, severe‖ to continue a course of action, etc. in spite of difficulty, opposition, etc. —**per′se·ver′ance** ***n.***

Per·sia (pʉr′zhə) *former name for* IRAN

Per·sian (pʉr′zhən, -shən) ***adj.*** of Persia or its people, language, etc. —***n.*** **1** person born or living in Persia **2** the language of Iran **3** a variety of domestic cat with a long, thick, glossy coat

Persian Gulf arm of the Indian Ocean, between Iran & Arabia

Persian lamb the pelt of karakul lambs

per·si·flage (pʉr′sə fläzh′) ***n.*** ‖Fr < L *per*, through + *sifilare*, to hiss‖ frivolous talk or writing

per·sim·mon (pər sim′ən) ***n.*** ‖< AmInd‖ **1** a hardwood tree with plumlike fruit **2** the fruit

per·sist (pər sist′, -zist′) ***vi.*** ‖< L *per*, through + *sistere*, cause to stand‖ **1** to refuse to give up, esp. when faced with opposition **2** to continue insistently **3** to endure; remain

per·sist'ent *adj.* **1** continuing, esp. in the face of opposition, etc. **2** continuing to exist or endure **3** constantly repeated —**per·sist'ence** *n.*

per·snick·e·ty (pər snik'ə tē) *adj.* [< Scot dial.] [Inf.] too particular or precise; fussy

per·son (pur'sən) *n.* [< L *persona*] **1** a human being: now usually pluralized as *people* **2** the human body **3** personality; self **4** *Gram.* any of the three sets of pronouns and corresponding verb forms: see FIRST PERSON, SECOND PERSON, THIRD PERSON **5** *Law* any individual or incorporated group having certain legal rights and responsibilities — **in person** actually present

-per·son (pur'sən) *combining form* person in a (specified) activity: used to avoid the masculine implication of *-man [chairperson]*

per'son·a·ble *adj.* [ME *personabilis*] having a pleasing appearance and personality

per'son·age *n.* a person; esp., an important person; notable

per'son·al (-nəl) *adj.* **1** private; individual **2** done in person **3** involving human beings *[personal* relationships*]* **4** of the body or physical appearance **5** *a)* having to do with the character, conduct, etc. of a person *[a personal* remark*] b)* tending to make personal, esp. derogatory, remarks **6** *Gram.* indicating PERSON (sense 4) **7** *Law* of property (**personal property**) that is movable

personal computer MICROCOMPUTER

personal effects personal belongings, esp. those worn or carried

per·son·al·i·ty (pur'sə nal'ə tē) *n., pl.* **-ties** **1** distinctive individual qualities of a person, considered collectively **2** such qualities seen as being attractive to others **3** a notable person **4** [*pl.*] offensive remarks aimed at a person

per·son·al·ize (pur'sə nə līz') *vt.* **-ized'**, **-iz'ing** **1** to apply to a particular person, esp. to oneself **2** to have marked with one's name, etc.

per'son·al·ly *adv.* **1** in person **2** as a person *[*I dislike him *personally]* **3** in one's own opinion **4** as though directed at oneself

per·so·na non gra·ta (pər sō'nə nōn grät'ə) [L] an unwelcome person

per·son·i·fy (pər sän'ə fī') *vt.* **-fied'**, **-fy'ing** **1** to think of or represent (a thing) as a person **2** to typify; embody —**per·son'i·fi·ca'tion** *n.*

per·son·nel (pur'sə nel') *n.* [Fr] **1** persons employed in any work, enterprise, service, etc. **2** a personnel department or office —*adj.* of or relating to the division within a business, etc. responsible for hiring and training employees, etc.

per·spec·tive (pər spek'tiv) *n.* [< L *per,* through + *specere,* look] **1** the art of picturing objects so as to show relative distance or depth **2** the appearance of objects as determined by their relative distance and positions **3** sense of proportion **4** *a)* a specific point of view in understanding things or events *b)* the ability to see things in a true relationship

per·spi·ca·cious (pur'spi kā'shəs) *adj.* [see prec.] having keen judgment; discerning —**per'spi·ca'cious·ly** *adv.* —**per'spi·cac'i·ty** (-kas'ə tē) *n.*

per·spic·u·ous (pər spik'yo͞o əs) *adj.* [see PERSPECTIVE] easily understood; lucid —**per·spi·cu·i·ty** (pur'spi kyo͞o'ə tē) *n.*

per·spi·ra·tion (pur'spə rā'shən) *n.* **1** the action of perspiring **2** sweat

per·spire (pər spīr') *vt., vi.* **-spired'**, **-spir'ing** [< L *per-,* through + *spirare,* breathe] to sweat

per·suade (pər swād') *vt.* **-suad'ed**, **-suad'ing** [< L *per-,* intens. + *suadere,* to urge] to cause to do or believe something by reasoning, urging, etc.; induce or convince —**per·suad'er** *n.*

per·sua·sion (pər swā'zhən) *n.* **1** a persuading or being persuaded **2** power of persuading **3** a strong belief **4** a particular religious belief

per·sua'sive *adj.* having the power, or tending, to persuade —**per·sua'sive·ly** *adv.*

pert (purt) *adj.* [< L *apertus,* open] **1** impudent; saucy **2** chic and jaunty — **pert'ly** *adv.*

per·tain (pər tān') *vi.* [< L *per-,* intens. + *tenere,* hold] **1** to belong; be connected or associated **2** to be appropriate **3** to have reference

per·ti·na·cious (purt'n ā'shəs) *adj.* [< L *per-,* intens. + *tenax,* holding fast] **1** holding firmly to some purpose, belief, etc. **2** hard to get rid of —**per'ti·nac'i·ty** (-as'ə tē) *n.*

per·ti·nent (purt'n ənt) *adj.* [see PERTAIN] having some connection with the matter at hand —**per'ti·nence** *n.*

per·turb (pər turb') *vt.* [< L *per-,* intens. + *turbare,* disturb] to cause to be alarmed, agitated, or upset —**per·tur·ba·tion** (pur'tər bā'shən) *n.*

Pe·ru (pə ro͞o') country in W South America, on the Pacific: 480,041 sq. mi.; pop. 22,048,000 —**Pe·ru'vi·an** (-vē ən) *adj., n.*

pe·ruke (pə ro͞ok') *n.* [Fr *perruque*] PERIWIG

pe·ruse (pə ro͞oz') *vt.* **-rused'**, **-rus'ing** [prob. < L *per-,* intens. + ME *usen,* to use] **1** to read carefully; study **2** to read in a leisurely way —**pe·rus'al** *n.*

per·vade (pər vād') *vt.* **-vad'ed**, **-vad'ing** [< L *per,* through + *vadere,* go] to spread or be prevalent throughout — **per·va'sive** (-vā'siv) *adj.*

per·verse (pər vurs') *adj.* [see PERVERT] **1** deviating from what is considered right or good **2** stubbornly contrary **3** obstinately disobedient —**per·verse'ly** *adv.* —**per·verse'ness** or **per·ver'si·ty** *n.*

per·ver·sion (pər vur'zhən) *n.* **1** a perverting or being perverted **2** something perverted **3** any sexual act or practice considered abnormal

per·vert (pər vurt'; *for n.* pur'vurt') *vt.* [< L *per-,* intens. + *vertere,* turn] **1** to lead astray; corrupt **2** to misuse **3** to distort —*n.* one practicing sexual perversion

pe·se·ta (pə sāt′ə) ***n.*** ⟦Sp, dim. of *peso,* peso⟧ the former monetary unit of Spain, superseded in 2002 by the EURO

pes·ky (pes′kē) ***adj.*** **-ki·er, -ki·est** ⟦prob. var. of *pesty*⟧ [Inf.] annoying; troublesome —**pes′ki·ness** ***n.***

pe·so (pā′sō) ***n.***, *pl.* **-sos** ⟦Sp < L *pensum,* something weighed⟧ the monetary unit of various countries, including Mexico, Colombia, Chile, etc.

pes·si·mism (pes′ə miz′əm) ***n.*** ⟦< L *pejor,* worse⟧ **1** the belief that the evil in life outweighs the good **2** the tendency to expect the worst —**pes′si·mist** ***n.*** —**pes′si·mis′tic** ***adj.*** —**pes′si·mis′ti·cal·ly** ***adv.***

pest (pest) ***n.*** ⟦< L *pestis,* plague⟧ a person or thing that is troublesome, destructive, etc.; specif., a rat, fly, weed, etc.

pes·ter (pes′tər) ***vt.*** ⟦< OFr *empestrer,* entangle⟧ to annoy; vex

pest′hole′ ***n.*** a place infested with an epidemic disease

pes·ti·cide (pes′tə sīd′) ***n.*** any chemical for killing insects, weeds, etc.

pes·tif·er·ous (pes tif′ər əs) ***adj.*** ⟦< L *pestis,* plague + *ferre,* to bear⟧ **1** noxious **2** [Inf.] annoying

pes·ti·lence (pes′tə ləns) ***n.*** **1** a deadly epidemic disease; plague **2** anything regarded as harmful

pes·ti·lent (pes′tə lənt) ***adj.*** ⟦< L *pestis,* plague⟧ **1** likely to cause death **2** dangerous to society *[*the *pestilent* threat of war*]* **3** annoying

pes·tle (pes′əl) ***n.*** ⟦< L *pinsere,* to pound⟧ a tool used to pound or grind substances, esp. in a mortar

pes·to (pes′tō) ***n.*** ⟦see prec.⟧ a sauce for pasta, of ground basil and garlic mixed with olive oil

pet[1] (pet) ***n.*** ⟦orig. Scot dial.⟧ **1** an animal that is domesticated and kept as a companion **2** a person treated with particular indulgence —***adj.*** **1** kept or treated as a pet **2** especially liked **3** particular *[*a *pet* peeve*]* **4** showing fondness *[*a *pet* name*]* —***vt.*** **pet′ted, pet′ting** to stroke or pat gently; caress —***vi.*** [Inf.] to kiss, embrace, etc. as lovers do

pet[2] (pet) ***n.*** ⟦< ?⟧ a sulky mood

pet·al (pet′′l) ***n.*** ⟦< Gr *petalos,* outspread⟧ any of the leaflike parts of a blossom

pe·tard (pi tärd′) ***n.*** ⟦< Fr⟧ used chiefly in **hoist with** (or **by**) **one's own petard,** destroyed by the very thing with which one meant to destroy others

pet·cock (pet′käk′) ***n.*** ⟦< L *pedere,* break wind + *cock,* valve⟧ a small valve for draining pipes, etc.

pe·ter (pēt′ər) ***vi.*** ⟦< ?⟧ [Inf.] to become gradually smaller, weaker, etc. and then disappear: with *out*

Pe·ter (pēt′ər) ***n.*** *Bible* (original name *Simon*) (died A.D. 64?); one of the twelve Apostles, a fisherman: reputed author of two Letters: also **Saint Peter**

Peter I 1672-1725; czar of Russia (1682-1725): called *Peter the Great*

pet·i·ole (pet′ē ōl′) ***n.*** ⟦< L *pes,* FOOT⟧ LEAFSTALK

pe·tite (pə tēt′) ***adj.*** ⟦Fr⟧ small and trim in figure: said of a woman

pe·tit four (pet′ē fôr′) *pl.* **pe·tits fours** or **pe·tit fours** (pet′ē fôrz′) ⟦Fr, lit., small oven⟧ a tiny, frosted cake

pe·ti·tion (pə tish′ən) ***n.*** ⟦< L *petere,* seek⟧ **1** a solemn, earnest request; entreaty **2** a formal document embodying such a request, often signed by many people **3** *Law* a written formal request asking for a specific court action —***vt.*** to address a petition to —***vi.*** to make a petition —**pe·ti′tion·er** ***n.***

pe·tit jury (pet′ē) a group of citizens picked to decide the issues of a trial in court

pet·rel (pe′trəl) ***n.*** ⟦< ?⟧ a small sea bird with long wings

pet·ri·fy (pe′tri fī′) ***vt.*** **-fied′, -fy′ing** ⟦< L *petra,* rock + *facere,* make⟧ **1** to turn into stone **2** to harden or deaden **3** to paralyze, as with fear

petro- ⟦< Gr *petra,* rock⟧ *combining form* **1** rock or stone **2** petroleum **3** of or relating to the petroleum business

pet·ro·chem·i·cal (pe′trō kem′i kəl) ***n.*** a chemical with a petroleum base

pet′ro·dol′lars ***pl.n.*** revenue from the sale of petroleum

pet·rol (pe′trəl) ***n.*** ⟦see PETROLEUM⟧ *Brit. term for* GASOLINE

pet·ro·la·tum (pe′trə lāt′əm) ***n.*** ⟦< fol.⟧ a greasy, jellylike substance derived from petroleum and used in ointments, etc.: also **petroleum jelly**

pe·tro·le·um (pə trō′lē əm) ***n.*** ⟦< L *petra,* rock + *oleum,* oil⟧ an oily, liquid solution of hydrocarbons, occurring naturally in certain rock strata: it yields kerosene, gasoline, etc.

PET (scan) (pet) ⟦*p*(*ositron*) *e*(*mission*) *t*(*omography*), an X-ray technique⟧ a type of X-raying that shows metabolic activity, used to detect abnormalities, esp. of the brain: also **PETT scan**

pet·ti·coat (pet′ē kōt′, pet′i-) ***n.*** ⟦< PETTY + COAT⟧ a woman's underskirt

pet·ti·fog·ger (pet′i fäg′ər, -fôg′-; pet′ē-) ***n.*** ⟦< PETTY + *fogger* < ?⟧ **1** a lawyer who handles petty cases, esp. unethically **2** one who quibbles —**pet′ti·fog′**, **-fogged′, -fog′ging,** ***vi.***

pet·tish (pet′ish) ***adj.*** ⟦< PET[2]⟧ peevish; petulant —**pet′tish·ly** ***adv.***

pet·ty (pet′ē) ***adj.*** **-ti·er, -ti·est** ⟦< OFr *petit*⟧ **1** relatively unimportant **2** small-minded; mean **3** relatively low in rank —**pet′ti·ness** ***n.***

petty cash a cash fund for incidentals

petty officer *U.S. Navy* a naval enlisted person who is a noncommissioned officer

pet·u·lant (pech′ə lənt) ***adj.*** ⟦< L *petere,* to rush at⟧ impatient or irritable, esp. over a petty annoyance —**pet′u·lance** ***n.*** —**pet′u·lant·ly** ***adv.***

pe·tu·ni·a (pə to͞on′yə) ***n.*** ⟦ult. < AmInd (Brazil)⟧ a plant with showy, funnel-shaped flowers

pew (pyo͞o) ***n.*** ⟦ult. < Gr *pous,* foot⟧ any of the benches with a back that are fixed in rows in a church

pe·wee (pē′wē′) *n.* [echoic of its call] a small flycatcher

pew·ter (pyo͞ot′ər) *n.* [OFr *peautre*] **1** an alloy of tin with antimony, copper, lead, etc. **2** articles made of this

pe·yo·te (pā ōt′ē) *n.* [AmSp < AmInd (Mexico) *peyotl*, caterpillar] MESCAL: see also MESCALINE

pf or **pfd** *abbrev.* preferred

PFC or **Pfc** *abbrev.* Private First Class

pg *abbrev.* page

PG *trademark for* a film rating indicating parents may find some content unsuitable for children under 17

PG-13 *trademark for* a film rating indicating parents may find some content especially unsuitable for children under 13

pH (pē′āch′) *n.* [< Fr *p(ouvoir) h(ydrogène)*, lit., hydrogen power] the degree of acidity or alkalinity of a solution

pha·e·ton or **pha·ë·ton** (fā′ə tən) *n.* [after *Phaetōn*, son of Helios, Gr sun god] **1** a light, four-wheeled carriage **2** an early type of open automobile

phag·o·cyte (fag′ə sīt′) *n.* [< Gr *phagein*, to eat + *kytos*, hollow] any cell, esp. a leukocyte, that destroys foreign matter in the blood and tissues

pha·lan·ger (fə lan′jər) *n.* [< Gr *phalanx*, bone between fingers or toes] a small, tree-dwelling Australian marsupial

pha·lanx (fā′laŋks′) *n.*, *pl.* **-lanx′es**; also, and for 3 always, **pha·lan·ges** (fə lan′jēz′) [Gr, line of battle] **1** an ancient close-ranked infantry formation **2** any massed group **3** any of the bones forming the fingers or toes

phal·lo·cen·tric (fal′ō sen′trik) *adj.* dominated by attitudes regarded as typically masculine

phal·lus (fal′əs) *n.*, *pl.* **-li′** (-ī′) or **-lus·es** [Gr *phallos*] an image of the penis —**phal′lic** *adj.*

phan·tasm (fan′taz′əm) *n.* [< Gr *phantazein*, to show] **1** a figment of the mind **2** a deceptive likeness

phan·tas·ma·go·ri·a (fan taz′mə gôr′ē ə) *n.* [< Gr *phantasma*, phantasm + *ageirein*, assemble] a rapid sequence of images, as in a dream

phan·tom (fan′təm) *n.* [see PHANTASM] **1** an apparition; specter **2** an illusion —*adj.* of or like a phantom; illusory

Phar·aoh (far′ō, fā′rō′) *n.* [*sometimes* **p-**] the title of the kings of ancient Egypt

Phar·i·see (far′ə sē′) *n.* **1** a member of an ancient Jewish group that observed both the written and the oral law **2** [< characterization in NT] [**p-**] a self-righteous, hypocritical person —**phar′i·sa′ic** (-sā′ik) *adj.*

phar·ma·ceu·ti·cal (fär′mə so͞ot′i kəl) *adj.* [< Gr *pharmakon*, a drug] of pharmacy or drugs: also **phar′ma·ceu′tic** —*n.* a drug or medicine

phar′ma·ceu′tics (-iks) *n.* PHARMACY (sense 1)

phar·ma·cist (fär′mə sist) *n.* one licensed to practice pharmacy; druggist

phar′ma·col′o·gy (-käl′ə jē) *n.* [< Gr *pharmakon*, a drug] the science dealing with the effect of drugs on living organisms

phar′ma·co·pe′ia or **phar′ma·co·poe′ia** (-kō pē′ə) *n.* [< Gr *pharmakon*, a drug + *poiein*, to make] an official book listing drugs and medicines

phar·ma·cy (fär′mə sē) *n.*, *pl.* **-cies** [< Gr *pharmakon*, a drug] **1** the art or profession of preparing drugs and medicines **2** a drugstore

phar·yn·gi·tis (far′in jīt′is) *n.* inflammation of the pharynx; sore throat

phar·ynx (far′iŋks) *n.*, *pl.* **pha·ryn·ges** (fə rin′jēz′) or **phar′ynx·es** [Gr *pharynx*, throat] the cavity leading from the mouth and nasal passages to the larynx and esophagus —**pha·ryn·ge·al** (fə rin′ jē əl) *adj.*

phase (fāz) *n.* [< Gr *phainesthai*, appear] **1** any stage in a series or cycle of changes, as in the moon's illumination **2** an aspect or side, as of a problem —*vt.* **phased**, **phas′ing** to introduce or carry out in stages: often with *in* or *into* —**in** (or **out of**) **phase** in (or not in) synchronization —**phase out** to bring or come to an end by stages

phase′out′ *n.* a phasing out; gradual termination or withdrawal

PhD or **Ph.D.** *abbrev.* [L *Philosophiae Doctor*] Doctor of Philosophy

pheas·ant (fez′ənt) *n.* [< Gr *phasianos*, (bird) of *Phasis*, river in Asia] a large game bird with a long, sweeping tail and brilliant feathers

phe·nac·e·tin (fē nas′ə tin) *n.* a white, crystalline powder used to reduce fever, relieve headaches, etc.

phe·no·bar·bi·tal (fē′nə bär′bi tôl′) *n.* an odorless, white, crystalline powder used as a sedative

phe·nol (fē′nōl′, -nôl′, -näl′) *n.* a white, crystalline compound, corrosive and poisonous, used to make synthetic resins, etc. and, in dilute solution (*carbolic acid*) as an antiseptic

phe·nol·phthal·ein (fē′nōl thal′ēn′, -ē in) *n.* a white to pale-yellow, crystalline powder used as a laxative, as an acid-base indicator in chemical analysis, etc.

phe·nom (fē′näm) *n.* [< fol.] [Slang] one who is very talented or skilled; specif., a young, very gifted athlete

phe·nom·e·non (fə näm′ə nən, -nän′) *n.*, *pl.* **-na** (-nə); also, esp. for 2 and usually for 3, **-nons′** [< Gr *phainesthai*, appear] **1** any observable fact or event that can be scientifically described **2** anything very unusual **3** [Inf.] an extraordinary person; prodigy —**phe·nom′e·nal** *adj.*

pher·o·mone (fer′ə mōn′) *n.* [< Gr *pherein*, carry + (HOR)MONE] a chemical substance secreted by certain animals, as ants, that conveys information to others of the same species

phi (fī, fē) *n.* the 21st letter of the Greek alphabet (Φ, φ)

phi·al (fī′əl) *n.* [< Gr *phialē*, shallow bowl] a small glass bottle; vial

Phil·a·del·phi·a (fil′ə del′fē ə) city & port in SE Pennsylvania: pop. 1,586,000

Philadelphia lawyer [Inf.] a shrewd or tricky lawyer

phi·lan·der (fi lan′dər, fə-) ***vi.*** ‖ult. < Gr *philos,* loving + *anēr,* a man‖ to engage lightly in love affairs: said of a man —**phi·lan′der·er** ***n.***

phi·lan·thro·py (fə lan′thrə pē) ***n.*** ‖< Gr *philein,* to love + *anthrōpos,* human being‖ **1** a desire to help mankind, esp. as shown by gifts to institutions, etc. **2** *pl.* **-pies** a philanthropic gift, institution, etc. —**phil·an·throp·ic** (fil′ən thräp′ ik) ***adj.*** —**phi·lan′thro·pist** ***n.***

phi·lat·e·ly (fə lat′l ē) ***n.*** ‖< Fr < Gr *philos,* loving + *ateleia,* exemption from (further) tax (meaning "postage prepaid")‖ the collection and study of postage stamps, postmarks, etc. —**phi·lat′e·list** ***n.***

-phile (fīl, fil) ‖< Gr *philos,* loving‖ *combining form* one that loves or is attracted to

Phil·har·mon·ic (fil′här män′ik) ***adj.*** ‖ult. < Gr *philos,* loving + *harmonia,* harmony‖ designating a group formed to sponsor a symphony orchestra —***n.*** an orchestra so sponsored

phi·lip·pic (fi lip′ik) ***n.*** ‖< Gr *Philippos,* Philip, Macedonian king denounced by Demosthenes‖ a bitter verbal attack

Phil·ip·pines (fil′ə pēnz′) country consisting of *c.* 7,100 islands (**Philippine Islands**) in the SW Pacific off the SE coast of Asia: 115,830 sq. mi.; pop. 60,559,000 —**Phil′ip·pine′** (-pēn′) ***adj.***

Phil·is·tine (fil′ə stēn′) ***n.*** **1** a member of a non-Semitic people of SW Palestine in biblical times **2** ‖< a Ger slang word‖ [*often* **p-**] a person regarded as smugly conventional, lacking culture, etc.

Phil·lips (fil′ips) ‖after H. F. *Phillips* (?-1958), its U.S. developer‖ *trademark for* a screwdriver (**Phillips screwdriver**) with a cross-shaped, pointed tip

philo- ‖< Gr *philos,* loving‖ *combining form* loving, liking

phil·o·den·dron (fil′ə den′drən) ***n.*** ‖< Gr *philos,* loving + *dendron,* tree‖ a tropical American vine used as a houseplant

phi·lol·o·gy (fi läl′ə jē) ***n.*** ‖< Gr *philein,* to love + *logos,* word‖ *former term for* LINGUISTICS —**phil·o·log·i·cal** (fil′ə läj′i kəl) ***adj.*** —**phi·lol′o·gist** ***n.***

phi·los·o·pher (fə läs′ə fər) ***n.*** ‖< Gr *philos,* loving + *sophos,* wise‖ **1** one who is an expert in philosophy **2** one who expounds a system of philosophy **3** one who meets difficulties calmly

phil·o·soph·ic (fil′ə säf′ik) ***adj.*** **1** of philosophy or philosophers **2** sensibly composed or calm Also **phil′o·soph′i·cal**

phi·los·o·phize (fə läs′ə fīz′) ***vi.*** **-phized′, -phiz′ing** **1** to think or reason like a philosopher **2** to moralize, express truisms, etc.

phi·los·o·phy (fə läs′ə fē) ***n.*** ‖see PHILOSOPHER‖ **1** the study of the principles underlying conduct, thought, and the nature of the universe **2** the general principles of a field of knowledge **3** *pl.* **-phies** a particular system of principles for the conduct of life

phil·ter (fil′tər) ***n.*** ‖< Gr *philein,* to love‖ a magic potion, esp. one thought to arouse sexual love: also [Chiefly Brit.] **phil′tre** (-tər)

phle·bi·tis (flə bīt′is) ***n.*** ‖< Gr *phleps,* vein + -ITIS‖ inflammation of a vein

phle·bot·o·my (fli bät′ə mē) ***n.*** ‖< Gr *pheps,* vein + *temnein,* to cut‖ the practice of taking blood from the body for therapeutic purposes

phlegm (flem) ***n.*** ‖< Gr *phlegma,* inflammation‖ **1** thick mucus discharged from the throat, as during a cold **2** sluggishness or apathy

phleg·mat·ic (fleg mat′ik) ***adj.*** ‖see prec.‖ sluggish or unexcited —**phleg·mat′i·cal·ly** ***adv.***

phlo·em (flō′em′) ***n.*** ‖< Gr *phloos,* bark‖ the vascular tissue through which food is distributed in a plant

phlox (fläks) ***n.*** ‖Gr, lit., a flame‖ a North American plant with clusters of white, pink, or bluish flowers

-phobe (fōb) ‖< Gr *phobos,* fear‖ *combining form* one who fears or hates

pho·bi·a (fō′bē ə) ***n.*** ‖see prec.‖ an irrational, excessive, and persistent fear of some thing or situation —**pho′bic** ***adj.***

-pho·bi·a (fō′bē ə) ‖Gr *-phobia* < *phobos,* fear‖ *combining form* fear, dread, hatred

phoe·be (fē′bē) ***n.*** ‖echoic, with sp. after *Phoebe,* Gr goddess of the moon‖ an American bird with a grayish or brown back, that catches insects in flight

Phoe·ni·cia (fə nish′ə, -nē′shə) ancient region at the E end of the Mediterranean —**Phoe·ni′cian** ***adj.***, ***n.***

phoe·nix (fē′niks) ‖< Gr *phoinix*‖ *Egypt. Myth.* a bird that lives for 500 years and then sets itself on fire, rising renewed from the ashes.

Phoe·nix (fē′niks) capital of Arizona: pop. 983,000

phone (fōn) ***n.***, ***vt.***, ***vi.*** **phoned, phon′ing** *short for* TELEPHONE

-phone (fōn) ‖< Gr *phōnē,* a sound‖ *combining form* **1** a device producing or transmitting sound **2** a telephone

phone card CALLING CARD (sense 2)

pho·neme (fō′nēm′) ***n.*** ‖< Fr < Gr *phōnē,* voice‖ *Linguistics* a set of related speech sounds with slight variations, that are heard as the same sound by native speakers —**pho·ne·mic** (fō nē′ mik, fə-) ***adj.***

pho·net·ics (fō net′iks, fə-) ***n.*** ‖< Gr *phōnē,* a sound‖ the study of the production of speech sounds and their representation in written symbols —**pho·net′ic** ***adj.*** —**pho·ne·ti·cian** (fō′nə tish′ ən) ***n.***

phon·ics (fän′iks) ***n.*** ‖< Gr *phōnē,* a sound‖ a phonetic method of teaching reading —**phon′ic** ***adj.***

phono- ‖< Gr *phōnē,* a sound‖ *combining form* sound, tone, speech *[phonology]*

pho·no·graph (fō′nə graf′) ***n.*** ‖prec. + -GRAPH‖ a device for reproducing sound recorded in a spiral groove on a revolving disk —**pho′no·graph′ic** ***adj.***

pho·nol·o·gy (fō näl′ə jē, fə-) ***n.*** ‖PHONO- + -LOGY‖ **1** the study of speech sounds **2** a description of the sounds of a given language —**pho′no·**

log′i·cal (-nō läj′i kəl, -nə-) ***adj.*** —**pho·nol′o·gist** ***n.***

pho·ny (fō′nē) [Inf.] ***adj.*** **-ni·er, -ni·est** ‖< Brit thieves' argot *fawney,* gilt ring‖ not genuine; false —***n.***, *pl.* **-nies** something or someone not genuine; fraud; fake Also sp. **pho′ney** —**pho′ni·ness** ***n.***

phoo·ey (fo͞o′ē) ***interj.*** ‖echoic‖ used to express scorn, disgust, etc.

phos·phate (fäs′fāt′) ***n.*** ‖Fr‖ **1** a salt or ester of phosphoric acid **2** a fertilizer containing phosphates

phos·phor (fäs′fər, -fôr′) ***n.*** ‖see PHOSPHORUS‖ a phosphorescent or fluorescent substance

phos·pho·res·cence (fäs′fə res′əns) ***n.*** **1** the property of giving off a lingering emission of light after exposure to radiant energy such as light **2** a continuing luminescence without noticeable heat —**phos′pho·res′cent** ***adj.***

phos·phor·ic acid (fäs fôr′ik) any of several oxygen acids of phosphorus

phos·pho·rus (fäs′fə rəs) ***n.*** ‖< Gr *phōs,* a light + *pherein,* to bear‖ a nonmetallic chemical element, a waxy solid that ignites spontaneously at room temperature

pho·to (fōt′ō) ***n.***, *pl.* **-tos** *short for* PHOTOGRAPH

photo- *combining form* **1** ‖< Gr *phōs,* a light‖ of or produced by light **2** ‖< PHOTOGRAPH‖ photograph, photography

pho·to·cop·y (fōt′ō käp′ē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ies** a photographic reproduction, as of a book page, made by a special device (**pho′to·cop′i·er**)

pho′to·e·lec′tric cell any device in which light controls an electric circuit that operates a mechanical device, as for opening doors

pho′to·en·grav′ing ***n.*** **1** a process by which photographs are reproduced on relief printing plates **2** such a plate, or a print made from it —**pho′to·en·grave′**, **-graved′**, **-grav′ing**, ***vt.*** —**pho′to·en·grav′er** ***n.***

photo finish a race finish so close that the winner can be determined only from a photograph of the finish

pho′to·fin′ish·ing ***n.*** the process of developing photographic film, making prints, etc.

pho′to·flash′ ***adj.*** designating a flashbulb, etc. electrically synchronized with the camera shutter

pho·to·gen·ic (fōt′ə jen′ik) ***adj.*** ‖PHOTO- + *-genic,* suitable for‖ likely to look attractive in photographs

pho·to·graph (fōt′ə graf′) ***n.*** a picture made by photography —***vt.*** to take a photograph of —***vi.*** to appear (as specified) in photographs —**pho·tog·ra·pher** (fə täg′rə fər) ***n.***

pho·tog·ra·phy (fə täg′rə fē) ***n.*** ‖PHOTO- + -GRAPHY‖ the art or process of producing pictorial images on a surface sensitive to light or other radiant energy, as on film in a camera —**pho·to·graph·ic** (fōt′ə graf′ik) ***adj.***

pho·ton (fō′tän′) ***n.*** ‖PHOT(O)- + (ELECTR)ON‖ a subatomic particle that is a quantum of electromagnetic energy, including light

pho′to·off′set′ ***n.*** offset printing in which the text or pictures are photographically transferred to a metal plate from which inked impressions are made on the roller

pho·to·stat (fōt′ə stat′) ***n.*** ‖< former trademark‖ **1** a device for making photocopies on special paper **2** a copy so made —***vt.*** **-stat′ed** or **-stat′ted**, **-stat′ing** or **-stat′ting** to make a photostat of

pho·to·syn·the·sis (fōt′ō sin′thə sis) ***n.*** the production of organic substances, esp. sugars, from carbon dioxide and water by the action of light on the chlorophyll in green plant cells

pho′to·syn′the·size′ (-sīz′) ***vi.***, ***vt.*** **-sized′**, **-siz′ing** to carry on, or produce by, photosynthesis

phrase (frāz) ***n.*** ‖< Gr *phrazein,* speak‖ **1** a short, colorful expression **2** a group of words, not a full sentence or clause, conveying a single thought **3** a short, distinct musical passage —***vt.***, ***vi.*** **phrased**, **phras′ing** to express in words —**phras·al** (frā′zəl) ***adj.***

phra·se·ol·o·gy (frā′zē äl′ə jē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-gies** choice and pattern of words

phre·net·ic (fri net′ik) ***adj.*** ‖< Gr *phrenētikos,* mad‖ *archaic sp. of* FRENETIC

phre·nol·o·gy (fri näl′ə jē, frə-) ***n.*** ‖< Gr *phrēn,* mind + -LOGY‖ a system, popular esp. in the 19th c., based on the assumption that character can be analyzed based on the shape of the skull

phy·lac·ter·y (fi lak′tər ē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ies** ‖< Gr *phylaktērion,* safeguard‖ TEFILLIN

phyl·lo (fē′lō, fī′-) ***n.*** ‖< Gr *phyllon,* leaf‖ dough in very thin sheets that becomes very flaky when baked

phy·log·e·ny (fī läj′ə nē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-nies** ‖< Gr *phylon,* tribe + *-geneia,* origin‖ the origin and evolution of a group or race of animals or plants

phy·lum (fī′ləm) ***n.***, *pl.* **-la** (-lə) ‖< Gr *phylon,* tribe‖ a major category in the classification of organisms, esp. animals

phys *abbrev.* **1** physical **2** physician **3** physics

phys·ic (fiz′ik) ***n.*** ‖< Gr *physis,* nature‖ a medicine, esp. a laxative

phys·i·cal (fiz′i kəl) ***adj.*** **1** of nature and all matter; material **2** of or according to the laws of nature **3** of, or produced by the forces of, physics **4** of the body as opposed to the mind —***n.*** a general medical examination —**phys′i·cal·ly** ***adv.***

physical anthropology a major division of anthropology that deals with the physical characteristics and evolution of humans

physical education instruction in physical exercise and in the care of the body, including sports, calisthenics, and hygiene

physical science any science dealing with nonliving matter or energy, as physics, chemistry, geology, or astronomy

physical therapy the treatment of dis-

ease, injury, etc. by physical means, as by exercise or massage

phy·si·cian (fi zish′ən) ***n.*** ⟦see PHYSIC⟧ a doctor of medicine

phys·ics (fiz′iks) ***n.*** ⟦see PHYSIC⟧ the science dealing with the properties, changes, interactions, etc. of matter and energy —**phys′i·cist** (-ə sist) ***n.***

phys·i·og·no·my (fiz′ē äg′nə mē) ***n.*** ⟦< Gr *physis,* nature + *gnōmōn*, one who knows⟧ facial features and expression

phys′i·ol′o·gy (-äl′ə jē) ***n.*** ⟦< Gr *physis*, nature + -LOGY⟧ the science dealing with the functions and vital processes of living organisms —**phys′i·o·log′i·cal** (-ə läj′i kəl) ***adj.*** —**phys′i·ol′o·gist** ***n.***

phys·i·o·ther·a·py (fiz′ē ō′ther′ə pē) ***n.*** PHYSICAL THERAPY —**phys′i·o·ther′a·pist** ***n.***

phy·sique (fi zēk′) ***n.*** ⟦Fr⟧ the structure or form of the body; build

pi (pī) ***n.*** **1** the 16th letter of the Greek alphabet (Π, π) **2** the symbol (π) designating the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter, about 3.1416

pi·a·nis·si·mo (pē′ə nis′i mō′) ***adj., adv.*** ⟦It⟧ *Music* very soft(ly)

pi·an·ist (pē′ə nist, pē an′ist) ***n.*** one who plays the piano

pi·a·no[1] (pē ä′nō) ***adj., adv.*** ⟦It⟧ *Music* soft(ly)

pi·an·o[2] (pē an′ō) ***n., pl.*** **-os** ⟦< fol.⟧ a large, stringed keyboard instrument: each key operates a felt-covered hammer that strikes a corresponding wire or wires

pi·an·o·for·te (pē an′ō fôrt′, pē an′ō fôr′ tā) ***n.*** ⟦It < *piano*, soft + *forte*, loud⟧ PIANO[2]

pi·as·ter (pē as′tər) ***n.*** ⟦ult. < L *emplastrum*, plaster⟧ a 100th part of a pound in Egypt, Lebanon, and Syria

pi·az·za (pē ät′sə; *for 2* pē az′ə) ***n.*** **1** in Italy, a public square **2** [Dial.] a large, covered porch

pi·broch (pē′bräk′) ***n.*** ⟦< Gael *piob*, bagpipe⟧ music for the bagpipe, usually of a martial kind

pi·ca (pī′kə) ***n.*** ⟦< ? ML, a directory⟧ a size of printing type, 12 point

pi·can·te (pē kän′tā) ***adj.*** ⟦Sp⟧ designating, prepared with, or served with a hot, spicy sauce

pic·a·resque (pik′ə resk′) ***adj.*** ⟦< Sp *pícaro,* rascal⟧ dealing with sharp-witted vagabonds or rogues and their adventures *[a picaresque* novel*]*

Pi·cas·so (pi kä′sō), **Pa·blo** (pä′blō) 1881-1973; Sp. painter & sculptor in France

pic·a·yune (pik′ə yo͞on′, pik′ə yo͞on′) ***adj.*** ⟦< Fr *picaillon*, small coin⟧ trivial or petty

pic·ca·lil·li (pik′ə lil′ē) ***n.*** ⟦prob. < PICKLE⟧ a relish of chopped vegetables, mustard, vinegar, and hot spices

pic·co·lo (pik′ə lō′) ***n., pl.*** **-los′** ⟦< It, small⟧ a small flute, pitched an octave above the ordinary flute

pick[1] (pik) ***n.*** ⟦OE *pic,* PIKE[2]⟧ **1** any of several pointed tools or instruments for picking, esp. a heavy one used in breaking up soil, rock, etc. **2** PLECTRUM

pick[2] (pik) ***vt.*** ⟦ME *picken*⟧ **1** to probe, scratch at, etc. so as to remove or clear something from **2** to gather (flowers, berries, etc.) **3** to prepare (a fowl) by removing the feathers **4** to choose; select **5** to provoke (a quarrel or fight) **6** to pluck (the strings) of (a guitar, etc.) **7** to open (a lock) with a wire, etc. instead of a key **8** to steal from (another's pocket, etc.) —***vi.*** **1** to use a pick **2** to select, esp. in a fussy way —***n.*** **1** the act of choosing or the choice made **2** the best —**pick at** to eat small amounts of, esp. fussily —**pick off** **1** to remove by picking **2** to hit with a carefully aimed shot —**pick on** [Inf.] to single out for criticism or abuse; annoy; tease —**pick out** to choose —**pick up** **1** to grasp and lift **2** to get, find, or learn, esp. by chance **3** to stop for and take along **4** to gain (speed) **5** to improve **6** [Inf.] to become acquainted with casually, esp. for sexual activity —**pick′er** ***n.***

pick·ax or **pick·axe** (pik′aks′) ***n.*** ⟦< OFr *picquois*⟧ a pick with a point at one end of the head and a chisel-like edge at the other

pick·er·el (pik′ər əl) ***n., pl.*** **-el** or **-els** ⟦ME < *pik*, PIKE[3]⟧ any of various small North American freshwater fishes

pick·et (pik′it) ***n.*** ⟦< Fr *pic,* PIKE[2]⟧ **1** a pointed stake used in a fence, as a hitching post, etc. **2** a soldier or soldiers stationed to guard against surprise attack **3** a person, as a member of a striking labor union, stationed outside a factory, store, etc. to demonstrate opposition, keep workers out, etc. —***vt.*** **1** to hitch (an animal) to a picket **2** to post as a military picket **3** to place pickets, or serve as a picket, at (a factory, etc.)

picket line a line or cordon of people serving as pickets

pick′ings ***pl.n.*** [*occas. sing.*] something picked; specif., *a*) scraps; remains *b*) something gotten by effort, often dishonestly

pick·le (pik′əl) ***n.*** ⟦< MDu *pekel*⟧ **1** any brine, vinegar, etc. used to preserve or marinate food **2** a vegetable, specif. a cucumber, preserved in this **3** [Inf.] an awkward situation —***vt.*** **-led, -ling** to treat or preserve in a pickle solution

pick′pock′et ***n.*** a thief who steals from pockets, as in a crowd

pick′up′ ***n.*** **1** a picking up **2** the process or power of increasing in speed **3** a small, open delivery truck **4** [Inf.] a casual acquaintance, esp. one formed for sexual purposes **5** [Inf.] improvement **6** *a*) a device for producing electric currents from the vibrations of a phonograph needle *b*) the pivoted arm holding this device —***adj.*** [Inf.] assembled informally for a single occasion

pick′y ***adj.*** **-i·er, -i·est** [Inf.] overly fastidious; fussy

pic·nic (pik′nik) ***n.*** ⟦< Fr⟧ a pleasure outing at which a meal is eaten outdoors —***vi.*** **-nicked, -nick·ing** to have a picnic —**pic′nick·er** ***n.***

pi·cot (pē′kō) ***n., pl.*** **-cots** ⟦< Fr *pic,* a point⟧ any of the small loops forming a fancy edge, as on lace

pic·to·graph (pik′tə graf′) ***n.*** **1** a pic-

ture or picturelike symbol used in a system of writing **2** a graph using pictures to convey data

pic·to·ri·al (pik tôr′ē əl) ***adj.*** **1** of, containing, or expressed in pictures **2** suggesting a mental image; vivid —**pic·to′ri·al·ly** ***adv.***

pic·ture (pik′chər) ***n.*** [< L *pingere,* to paint] **1** a likeness of a person, scene, etc. produced by drawing, painting, photography, etc. **2** a perfect likeness or image *[*the *picture* of health*]* **3** anything suggestive of a beautiful painting, drawing, etc. **4** a vivid description **5** FILM (*n.* 4) **6** the image on a TV screen —***vt.*** **-tured, -tur·ing** **1** to make a picture of **2** to show visibly **3** to describe **4** to imagine —**in** (or **out of**) **the picture** considered (or not considered) as being involved in a situation

pic′ture-per′fect ***adj.*** perfect or flawless

pic′tur·esque′ (-chər esk′) ***adj.*** like or suggesting a picture; beautiful, vivid, quaint, etc.

picture tube a cathode-ray tube in a TV receiver, monitor, etc., that produces visual images on its screen

picture window a large window that seems to frame the outside view

pid·dle (pid′l) ***vi.***, ***vt.*** **-dled, -dling** [< ?] to dawdle; trifle

pid·dling (pid′liŋ) ***adj.*** insignificant; trifling

pid·dly (pid′lē) ***adj.*** PIDDLING

pidg·in (pij′in) ***n.*** [supposed Chin pronunciation of *business*] a mixed language for trade purposes, using words from one language and simplified grammar from another: **pidgin English** uses English words and Chinese or Melanesian syntax

pie (pī) ***n.*** [ME] a baked dish as of fruit or of meat, with an under crust or upper crust, or both —(**as**) **easy as pie** [Inf.] extremely easy

pie·bald (pī′bôld′) ***adj.*** [< *pie,* magpie + BALD] covered with patches of two colors —***n.*** a piebald horse, etc.

piece (pēs) ***n.*** [OFr *pece*] **1** a part broken or separated from the whole **2** a section of a whole regarded as complete in itself **3** any single thing, specimen, example, etc. *[*a *piece* of music*]* **4** a quantity, as of cloth, manufactured as a unit —***vt.*** **pieced, piec′ing** **1** to add pieces to, as in repairing **2** to join (*together*) the pieces of —**go to pieces** **1** to fall apart **2** to lose self-control

pièce de ré·sis·tance (pyes də *r*ā zēs täns′) [Fr, piece of resistance] **1** the principal dish of a meal **2** the main item in a series

piece goods YARD GOODS

piece′meal′ ***adv.*** [< ME *pece,* a piece + *-mele,* part] piece by piece —***adj.*** made or done piecemeal

piece′work′ ***n.*** work paid for at a fixed rate (**piece rate**) per piece of work done

pie chart a graph in the form of a circle divided into sectors in which relative quantities are indicated by the sizes of the sectors

pied (pīd) ***adj.*** [< *pie,* magpie] spotted with various colors

pied-à-terre (pyā tä ter′) ***n.***, *pl.* ***pied-à-terre*** [Fr, foot on the ground] a residence, esp. one used only part of the time or temporarily

pie′-eyed′ ***adj.*** [Slang] intoxicated

pier (pir) ***n.*** [< ML *pera*] **1** a structure supporting the spans of a bridge **2** a structure built out over the water and supported by pillars: used as a landing place, pavilion, etc. **3** *Archit.* a heavy column used to support weight

pierce (pirs) ***vt.*** **pierced, pierc′ing** [< OFr *percer*] **1** to pass into or through as a pointed instrument does; stab **2** to make a hole in **3** to force a way into; break through **4** to sound sharply through **5** to penetrate with the sight or mind —***vi.*** to penetrate

Pierce (pirs), **Franklin** 1804-69; 14th president of the U.S. (1853-57)

Pierre (pir) capital of South Dakota: pop. 13,000

pi·e·ty (pī′ə tē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ties** [< L *pius,* pious] **1** devotion to religious duties, etc. **2** devotion to parents, family, etc. **3** a pious act

pif·fle (pif′əl) ***n.*** [Inf.] anything that is regarded as insignificant or nonsensical —**pif·fling** (pif′liŋ) ***adj.***

pig (pig) ***n.*** [ME *pigge*] **1** any swine, esp. the unweaned young of the thick-bodied domesticated species; hog **2** a greedy or filthy person

pi·geon (pij′ən) ***n.*** [< L *pipire,* to chirp] any of various related birds with a small head, a plump body, and short legs

pi′geon·hole′ ***n.*** a small, open compartment, as in a desk, for filing papers —***vt.*** **-holed′, -hol′ing** **1** to put in the pigeonhole of a desk, etc. **2** to put aside indefinitely **3** to classify

pi′geon-toed′ (-tōd′) ***adj.*** having the toes or feet turned in

pig·gish (pig′ish) ***adj.*** like a pig; gluttonous or filthy —**pig′gish·ness** ***n.***

pig·gy (pig′ē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-gies** a little pig: also sp. **pig′gie** —***adj.*** **-gi·er, -gi·est** PIGGISH

pig′gy·back′ ***adv.***, ***adj.*** **1** on the shoulders or back **2** by or of a transportation system in which truck trailers are carried on flatcars **3** carried by or connected with something else as an adjunct —***vt.*** **1** to carry piggyback **2** to place on something in piggyback fashion

pig′head′ed ***adj.*** stubborn

pig iron crude iron, as it comes from the blast furnace

pig·ment (pig′mənt) ***n.*** [< L *pingere,* to paint] **1** coloring matter used to make paints **2** any coloring matter in the tissues of plants or animals

pig·men·ta·tion (pig′mən tā′shən) ***n.*** coloration in plants or animals due to pigment in the tissue

Pig·my (pig′mē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-mies,** ***adj.*** PYGMY

pig′pen′ ***n.*** a pen where pigs are kept: also **pig′sty′** (-stī′), *pl.* **-sties′**

pig′skin′ ***n.*** **1** leather made from the skin of a pig **2** [Inf.] a football

pig'tail' (-tāl') ***n.*** a long braid of hair hanging at the back of the head

pike[1] (pīk) ***n.*** a highway: now chiefly in [Inf.] **come down the pike**, to happen or appear

pike[2] (pīk) ***n.*** [Fr *pique*] a weapon, formerly for foot soldiers, consisting of a metal spearhead on a long wooden shaft (**pike'staff'**)

pike[3] (pīk) ***n.***, *pl.* **pike** or **pikes** [ME *pik*] a slender, freshwater bony fish with a narrow, pointed head

pik·er (pīk'ər) ***n.*** [< ? *Pike* County, Missouri] [Slang] a person who does things in a petty or stingy way

pi·laf or **pi·laff** (pē'läf') ***n.*** [Pers *pilāv*] a dish made of rice boiled in a seasoned liquid

pi·las·ter (pi las'tər) ***n.*** [< L *pila*, a pile] a supporting column projecting partially from a wall

Pi·late (pī'lət), **Pon·tius** (pun'chəs) 1st c. A.D.; Rom. procurator of Judea (26?-36?) who condemned Jesus to be crucified

pil·chard (pil'chərd) ***n.*** [< ?] **1** a small, oily marine fish, the commercial sardine of W Europe **2** any of several related fishes

pile[1] (pīl) ***n.*** [< L *pila*, pillar] **1** a mass of things heaped together **2** a heap of wood, etc. on which a corpse or sacrifice is burned **3** a large building **4** [Inf.] a large amount —***vt.*** **piled**, **pil'ing** **1** to heap up **2** to load **3** to accumulate Often with *up* —***vi.*** **1** to form a pile **2** to move in a mass: with *in, into, out, on, off*, etc.

pile[2] (pīl) ***n.*** [< L *pilus*, hair] a soft, velvety, raised surface of yarn loops, often sheared, as on a rug

pile[3] (pīl) ***n.*** [OE *pil*] a long, heavy beam driven into the ground to support a bridge, dock, etc.

pile driver (or **engine**) a machine for driving piles by raising and dropping a heavy weight on them

piles (pīlz) ***pl.n.*** [< L *pila*, a ball] hemorrhoids

pile'up' ***n.*** **1** an accumulation of tasks, etc. **2** [Inf.] a collision involving several vehicles

pil·fer (pil'fər) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** [< MFr *pelfre*, booty] to steal (esp. small sums, etc.) —**pil'fer·age** (-ij) ***n.*** —**pil'fer·er** ***n.***

pil·grim (pil'grəm) ***n.*** [< L *peregrinus*, foreigner] **1** a wanderer **2** one who travels to a shrine or holy place as a religious act **3** [**P-**] any of the band of English Puritans who founded Plymouth Colony in 1620

pil'grim·age ***n.*** **1** a journey made by a pilgrim, esp. to a shrine or holy place **2** any long journey

pill (pil) ***n.*** [< L *pila*, a ball] a small ball, tablet, etc. of medicine to be swallowed whole —**the pill** (or **Pill**) [Inf.] any contraceptive drug for women, in the form of a pill

pil·lage (pil'ij) ***n.*** [< MFr *piller*, to rob] **1** a plundering **2** goods stolen or taken by force —***vt.***, ***vi.*** **-laged**, **-lag·ing** to plunder

pil·lar (pil'ər) ***n.*** [< L *pila*, column] **1** a slender, vertical structure used as a support or monument; column **2** a main support of something

pill'box' ***n.*** **1** a small box for holding pills **2** an enclosed gun emplacement of concrete and steel

pil·lion (pil'yən) ***n.*** [< L *pellis*, a skin] an extra seat behind the saddle on a horse or motorcycle

pil·lo·ry (pil'ə rē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ries** [< OFr *pilori*] a device consisting of a board with holes for the head and hands, in which petty offenders were formerly locked and exposed to public scorn —***vt.*** **-ried**, **-ry·ing** **1** to punish by placing in a pillory **2** to subject to public scorn or ridicule

pil·low (pil'ō) ***n.*** [OE *pyle*] a cloth case filled with down, foam rubber, etc., used as a support, as for the head in sleeping —***vt.*** to rest as on a pillow

pil'low·case' ***n.*** a removable covering for a pillow: also **pil'low·slip'**

pi·lot (pī'lət) ***n.*** [< Gr *pēdon*, oar] **1** *a*) [Archaic] HELMSMAN *b*) a person licensed to direct ships into or out of a harbor or through difficult waters **2** a qualified operator of aircraft or spacecraft **3** a guide; leader **4** *a*) pilot light *b*) pilot film (or tape) —***vt.*** **1** to act as a pilot of, on, etc. **2** to guide —***adj.*** serving as a trial unit in testing

pilot film (or **tape**) a film (or videotape) of a single segment of a projected series of TV shows

pi'lot·house' ***n.*** an enclosure for the helmsman on the upper deck of a ship

pilot light a small gas burner that is kept burning for use in lighting a main burner

Pil·sen·er or **Pil·sner** (pilz'nər) ***n.*** [*often* **p-**] a light lager beer

pi·men·to (pi men'tō) ***n.***, *pl.* **-tos** [< Sp < L *pigmentum*, pigment] a variety of sweet red pepper: also **pi·mien'to** (-myen'-, -men'-)

pimp (pimp) ***n.*** [< ?] a prostitute's agent —***vi.*** to act as a pimp

pim·ple (pim'pəl) ***n.*** [< OE *piplian*, to break out in pimples] a small, usually inflamed swelling of the skin —**pim'ply**, **-pli·er**, **-pli·est**, ***adj.***

pin (pin) ***n.*** [OE *pinn*] **1** a peg, as of wood, or a pointed piece of stiff wire, for fastening things together, etc. **2** anything like a pin **3** an ornament or badge with a pin or clasp for fastening to clothing **4** *Bowling* one of the bottle-shaped wooden objects at which the ball is rolled —***vt.*** **pinned**, **pin'ning** **1** to fasten as with a pin **2** to hold firmly in one position —**pin down** **1** to get (someone) to make a commitment, etc. **2** to determine (a fact, etc.) —**pin something on someone** [Inf.] to lay the blame for something on someone

PIN (pin) ***n.*** [*p*(*ersonal*) *i*(*dentification*) *n*(*umber*)] an identification number, as for use at an ATM

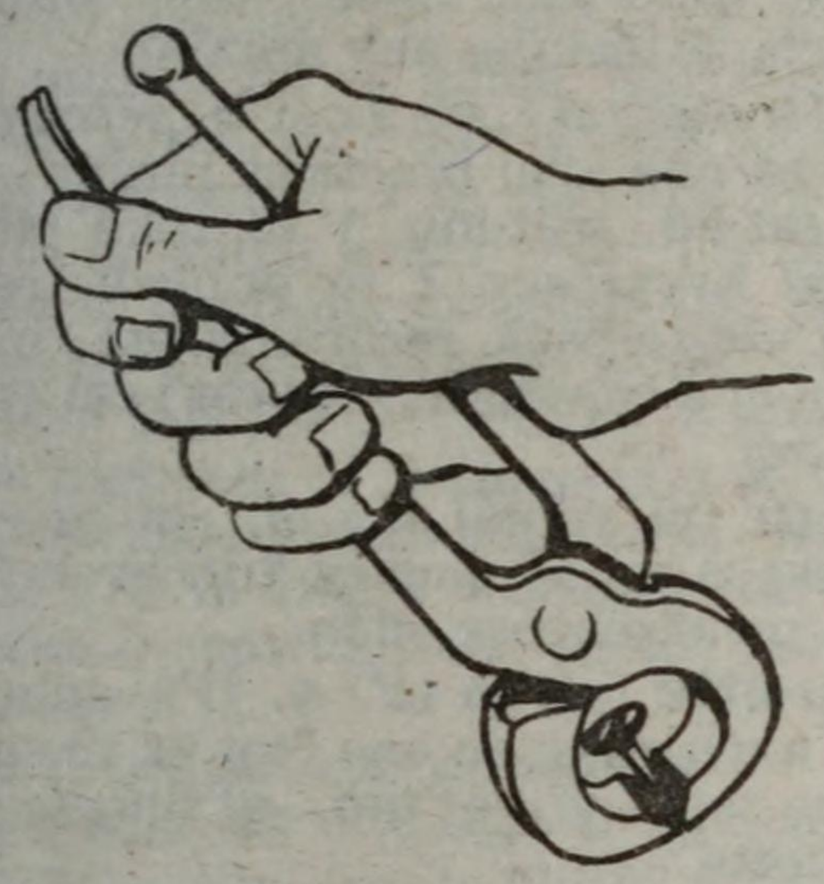
pin·a·fore (pin'ə fôr') ***n.*** [PIN + archaic *afore*, before] a sleeveless garment worn over a dress

pi·ña·ta (pē nyä'tä) ***n.*** [Sp, ult. < L *pinus*, pine tree] in Mexico, a papier-

mâché container hung from the ceiling in a game in which blindfolded children take turns trying to break it open and release the toys, candy, etc. inside

pin'ball' machine a game machine consisting of an inclined board and a rolling ball that hits objects, etc. on it to score points

pince-nez (pans'nā') ***n.*** [Fr, nose-pincher] *pl.* **pince'-nez'** (-nāz'; -nā') eyeglasses kept in place by a spring gripping the bridge of the nose



PINCERS

pin·cers (pin'sərz) ***pl.n.*** [< OFr *pincier*, to pinch] **1** a tool formed of two pivoted parts, used in gripping things **2** a grasping claw, as of a crab

pinch (pinch) ***vt.*** [ME *pinchen* < OFr *pincier*] **1** to squeeze between a finger and the thumb or between two edges, surfaces, etc. **2** to press painfully upon (some part of the body) **3** to make cramped, thin, etc., as by hunger or cold **4** [Slang] *a*) to steal *b*) to arrest —***vi.*** **1** to squeeze painfully **2** to be stingy or frugal —***n.*** **1** a squeeze or nip **2** *a*) an amount grasped between finger and thumb *b*) a small amount **3** distress or difficulty **4** an emergency: usually in **in a pinch** —***adj.*** *Baseball* substitute

pinch'-hit' ***vi.*** **-hit', -hit'ting** **1** *Baseball* to bat in place of the batter whose turn it is **2** to substitute in an emergency (*for*) —**pinch hitter**

pin curl a strand of hair kept curled with a bobby pin while it sets

pin'cush'ion ***n.*** a small cushion to stick pins in to keep them handy

pine[1] (pīn) ***n.*** [< L *pinus*] **1** an evergreen tree with cones and needle-shaped leaves **2** its wood

pine[2] (pīn) ***vi.*** **pined, pin'ing** [< L *poena*, a pain] **1** to waste (*away*) through grief, etc. **2** to yearn

pin·e·al body (pin'ē əl) [< L *pinea*, pine cone] a small, cone-shaped body in the brain that produces a hormone

pine·ap·ple (pīn'ap'əl) ***n.*** [ME *pinappel*, pine cone] **1** a juicy, edible tropical fruit somewhat resembling a pine cone **2** the plant it grows on

pine tar a thick, dark liquid obtained from pine wood, used in disinfectants, paints, etc.

pin'feath'er ***n.*** an undeveloped, emerging feather

ping (piŋ) ***n.*** [echoic] the sound made as by a bullet striking something sharply —***vi.***, ***vt.*** to make or cause to make this sound

Ping-Pong (piŋ'pông') [echoic] *trademark for* table-tennis equipment —***n.*** [*often* **ping-pong**] TABLE TENNIS

pin'head' ***n.*** **1** the head of a pin **2** a person regarded as stupid or silly

pin'hole' ***n.*** **1** a tiny hole as from a pin **2** a hole to stick a pin into

pin·ion (pin'yən) ***n.*** [< L *pinna*, feather] **1** a small cogwheel that meshes with a larger gear or with a RACK[1] (*n.* 2) **2** a wing; specif., the outer part of a bird's wing —***vt.*** **1** to bind the wings or arms of **2** to shackle

pink[1] (piŋk) ***n.*** [< ?] **1** any of certain plants with white, pink, or red flowers **2** the flower **3** pale red **4** the highest degree, finest example, etc. —***adj.*** **1** pale-red **2** [Inf.] somewhat leftist: a derogatory term —**in the pink** [Inf.] healthy; fit

pink[2] (piŋk) ***vt.*** [ME *pynken*] **1** to cut a saw-toothed edge on (cloth, etc.) **2** to prick or stab

pink'eye' ***n.*** a contagious eye infection in which the eyeball and the lining of the eyelid are red and inflamed

pink·ie or **pink·y** (piŋ'kē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ies** the smallest finger

pink·ing shears (piŋ'kiŋ) shears with notched blades, for pinking edges of cloth

pink slip [Inf.] notice to an employee that he or she is fired

pin money a small sum of money, as for incidental minor expenses

pin·na·cle (pin'ə kəl) ***n.*** [< L *pinna*, feather] **1** a small turret or spire **2** a slender, pointed formation, as a mountain peak **3** the highest point

pin·nate (pin'āt', -it) ***adj.*** [< L *pinna*, feather] *Bot.* with leaflets on each side of a common stem

pi·noch·le or **pi·noc·le** (pē'nuk'əl) ***n.*** [< Fr *binocle*, pince-nez] a card game played with a 48-card deck (two of every card above the eight)

pi·not noir (pē'nō nwär', pē nō'-) [*also* **P- N-**] **1** the main red-wine grape of the Burgundy region **2** a dry red wine made from this grape

pin'point' ***vt.*** to locate precisely —***adj.*** precise

pin'prick' ***n.*** **1** a tiny puncture as by a pin **2** a minor annoyance

pins and needles a tingling feeling as in a numb limb —**on pins and needles** in anxious suspense

pin'set'ter ***n.*** a person or automatic device that sets up bowling pins on the alley: also **pin'spot'ter**

pin'stripe' ***n.*** a pattern of very narrow stripes in suit fabrics, etc.

pint (pīnt) ***n.*** [< ML] a unit of measure equal to ½ quart

pin·to (pin'tō) ***adj.*** [< obs. Sp, spotted] having patches of white and some other color —***n.***, *pl.* **-tos** a pinto horse

pinto bean a kind of mottled kidney

bean grown in the SW U.S.

pin′up′ *adj.* **1** that is or can be fastened to a wall **2** [Inf.] designating a sexually attractive person whose picture is often pinned up on walls

pin′wheel′ *n.* **1** a small wheel with vanes of paper, etc., pinned to a stick so as to revolve in the wind **2** a revolving fireworks device

Pin·yin (pin yin′) *n.* ‖Chin *pinyin*, lit., phonetic sound‖ [*also* **p-**] system for transliterating Chinese ideograms into the Latin alphabet

pi·o·neer (pī′ə nir′) *n.* ‖< OFr *peonier*, foot soldier‖ one who goes before, preparing the way for others, as an early settler —*vi.* to be a pioneer —*vt.* to be a pioneer in or of

pi·ous (pī′əs) *adj.* ‖< L *pius*‖ **1** having or showing religious devotion **2** only seemingly virtuous **3** sacred —**pi′ous·ly** *adv.*

pip[1] (pip) *n.* ‖< PIPPIN‖ a small seed, as of an apple

pip[2] (pip) *n.* ‖< ?‖ any of the figures or spots on playing cards, dice, or dominoes

pip[3] (pip) *n.* ‖< L *pituita*, phlegm‖ a contagious disease of fowl

pipe (pīp) *n.* ‖< L *pipare*, chirp‖ **1** a tube of wood, metal, etc. for making musical sounds **2** [*pl.*] the bagpipe **3** a long tube for conveying water, gas, etc. **4** a tube with a small bowl at one end in which tobacco is smoked **5** any tubular part, organ of the body, etc. —*vi.* **piped**, **pip′ing** **1** to play on a pipe **2** to utter shrill sounds —*vt.* **1** to play (a tune) on a pipe **2** to utter in a shrill voice **3** to bring, call, etc. by piping **4** to convey (water, gas, etc.) by pipes —**pipe down** [Slang] to stop shouting, talking, etc. —**pip′er** *n.*

pipe dream [Inf.] a fantastic idea, vain hope or plan, etc.

pipe fitter a mechanic who installs and maintains plumbing pipes, etc.

pipe′line′ *n.* **1** a line of pipes for conveying water, gas, oil, etc. **2** any means whereby something is passed on

pipe organ ORGAN (sense 1)

pi·pette or **pi·pet** (pi pet′, pī-) *n.* a slender tube for taking up and measuring small amounts of a liquid

pip·ing (pīp′iŋ) *n.* **1** music made by pipes **2** a shrill sound **3** a pipelike fold of material for trimming seams, etc. —**piping hot** very hot

pip·it (pip′it) *n.* ‖echoic‖ a small bird with a slender bill, streaked breast, and the habit of walking rather than hopping

pip·pin (pip′in) *n.* ‖< OFr *pepin*, seed‖ any of several varieties of apple

pip·squeak (pip′skwēk′) *n.* [Inf.] anyone or anything regarded as small or insignificant

pi·quant (pē′kənt) *adj.* ‖Fr < *piquer*, to prick‖ **1** agreeably pungent to the taste **2** exciting interest; stimulating —**pi′quan·cy** (-kən sē) *n.*

pique (pēk) *n.* ‖see prec.‖ resentment at being slighted —*vt.* **piqued**, **piqu′ing** **1** to arouse such resentment in **2** to stir up; excite

pi·qué or **pi·que** (pē kā′) *n.* ‖see PIQUANT‖ a cotton fabric with ribbed or corded wales

pi·ra·cy (pī′rə sē) *n.*, *pl.* **-cies** **1** robbery of ships on the high seas **2** the unauthorized use of copyrighted or patented work

pi·ra·nha (pi rä′nə) *n.* ‖< Brazilian Port < AmInd (Brazil) *pirá*, fish + *sainha*, tooth‖ any of various small, freshwater South American fishes: they hunt in schools, attacking any animals

pi·rate (pī′rət) *n.* ‖< Gr *peirān*, to attack‖ one who practices piracy —*vt.*, *vi.* **-rat·ed**, **-rat·ing** **1** to take (something) by piracy **2** to publish, reproduce, etc. (a book, recording, etc.) in violation of a copyright —**pi·rat′i·cal** (-rat′ i kəl) *adj.*

pi·ro·gi (pi rō′gē) *n.*, *pl.* **-gi** or **-gies** ‖Russ‖ a small pastry turnover filled with meat, cheese, etc.

pir·ou·ette (pir′o͞o et′) *n.* ‖Fr, spinning top‖ a whirling on one foot or the point of the toe —*vi.* **-et′ted**, **-et′ting** to do a pirouette

pis·ca·to·ri·al (pis′kə tôr′ē əl) *adj.* ‖< L *piscator*, fisherman‖ of fishes or fishing

Pis·ces (pī′sēz′) *n.* ‖ L, pl. of *piscis*, fish‖ the 12th sign of the zodiac

pis·mire (pis′mīr′, piz′-) *n.* ‖< ME *pisse*, urine + *mire*, ant‖ [Archaic] an ant

piss·ant (pis′ant′) *adj.*, *n.* [Slang] insignificant and contemptible (person)

pis·tach·i·o (pi stash′ē ō) *n.*, *pl.* **-os′** ‖< OPers *pistah*‖ **1** a small tree of the cashew family **2** its edible, greenish seed (**pistachio nut**)

pis·til (pis′təl) *n.* ‖< L *pistillum*, pestle‖ the seed-bearing organ of a flower —**pis′til·late′** *adj.*

pis·tol (pis′təl) *n.* ‖< Czech *pišťal*‖ a small firearm operated with one hand

pis′tol-whip′ *vt.* **-whipped′**, **-whip′ping** to beat with a pistol, esp. about the head

pis·ton (pis′tən) *n.* ‖ult. < L *pinsere*, to pound‖ the snug-fitting engine part that is forced back and forth within a cylinder by the pressure of combustion, steam, etc. and a reciprocating connecting rod (**piston rod**)

piston ring a split ring fitted into a groove around a piston to seal the cylinder, transfer heat, etc.

pit[1] (pit) *n.* ‖< MDu *pitte*‖ the hard stone, as of the plum, peach, or cherry, containing the seed —*vt.* **pit′ted**, **pit′ting** to remove the pit from

pit[2] (pit) *n.* ‖< L *puteus*, a well‖ **1** a hole in the ground **2** an abyss **3** hell: used with *the* **4** a pitfall **5** an enclosed area in which animals are kept or made to fight **6** a small hollow in a surface, as a scar left by smallpox **7** the section for the orchestra in front of the stage **8** a work area for mechanics beside an auto-racing track —*vt.* **pit′ted**, **pit′ting** **1** to make pits or scars in **2** to set in competition (*against*)

pi·ta (pēt′ə) *n.* ‖< Heb < Modern Greek‖ a round, flat bread of the Middle East:

also **pita bread**

pit·a·pat (pit′ə pat′) ***adv.*** with rapid beating —***n.*** a rapid series of beats or taps

pit bull a short, heavy dog with powerful jaws

pitch[1] (pich) ***n.*** [< L *pix*] a black, sticky substance formed from coal tar, etc. and used for roofing, etc.

pitch[2] (pich) ***vt.*** [ME *picchen*] **1** to set up *[pitch* a tent*]* **2** *a*) to throw or toss *b*) to throw away **3** to fix at a certain point, degree, key, etc. **4** *Baseball a*) to throw (the ball) to the batter *b*) to act as pitcher for (a game, etc.) —***vi.*** **1** to pitch a ball, etc. **2** to plunge forward or dip downward **3** to rise and fall, as a ship in rough water —***n.*** **1** a throw or toss **2** anything pitched **3** a point or degree **4** the degree of slope **5** [Inf.] a line of talk for persuading **6** *Music, etc.* the highness or lowness of a sound due to vibrations of sound waves —**pitch in** [Inf.] **1** to begin working hard **2** to make a contribution —**pitch into** [Inf.] to attack

pitch′-black′ ***adj.*** very black

pitch′blende′ (-blend′) ***n.*** [< Ger *pech*, PITCH[1] + *blenden*, to blind] a dark mineral, a major source of uranium

pitch′-dark′ ***adj.*** very dark

pitched battle **1** a battle in which troop placement is relatively fixed beforehand **2** a hard-fought battle

pitch′er[1] ***n.*** [< OFr *pichier*] a container, usually with a handle and lip, for holding and pouring liquids

pitch′er[2] ***n.*** [PITCH[2] + -ER] the baseball player who pitches the ball to the batters

pitcher plant a plant with pitcherlike leaves that trap and digest insects

pitch′fork′ ***n.*** a large, long-handled fork for lifting and tossing hay, etc.

pitch′man (-mən) ***n.***, *pl.* **-men** (-mən) **1** a hawker of novelties, as at a carnival **2** [Inf.] any high-pressure salesman

pitch pipe a small pipe that produces a fixed tone used as a standard in tuning instruments, etc.

pit·e·ous (pit′ē əs) ***adj.*** arousing or deserving pity —**pit′e·ous·ly** ***adv.***

pit′fall′ ***n.*** [< PIT[2] + OE *fealle*, a trap] **1** a lightly covered pit for trapping animals **2** an unsuspected danger, etc.

pith (pith) ***n.*** [OE *pitha*] **1** the soft, spongy tissue in the center of certain plant stems **2** the essential part; gist

pith′y ***adj.*** **-i·er, -i·est** **1** of, like, or full of pith **2** terse and full of meaning —**pith′i·ly** ***adv.***

pit·i·ful (pit′i fəl) ***adj.*** **1** arousing or deserving pity **2** contemptible Also **pit·i·a·ble** (pit′ē ə bəl) —**pit′i·ful·ly** ***adv.***

pit′i·less (-lis) ***adj.*** without pity

pi·ton (pē′tän′) ***n.*** [Fr < MFr, a spike] a metal spike with an eye for a rope, driven into rock or ice for support in mountain climbing

pit stop **1** a temporary stop in the PIT[2] (*n.* 8) by a racing car **2** [Slang] *a*) a pause for food, etc. during a journey *b*) a visit to a restroom

pit·tance (pit′′ns) ***n.*** [< OFr *pitance*, food allowed a monk] **1** a meager allowance of money **2** any small amount or share

pit·ter-pat·ter (pit′ər pat′ər) ***n.*** [echoic] a rapid succession of light tapping sounds

Pitts·burgh (pits′bʉrg′) city in SW Pennsylvania: pop. 370,000

pi·tu·i·tar·y (pi to͞o′ə ter′ē) ***adj.*** [< L *pituita*, phlegm] of a small, oval endocrine gland (**pituitary gland**) attached to the brain: it secretes hormones affecting growth, etc.

pit viper any of several poisonous vipers with a heat-sensitive pit on each side of the head

pit·y (pit′ē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ies** [< L *pietas*, piety] **1** sorrow for another's suffering or misfortune **2** a cause for sorrow or regret —***vt.***, ***vi.*** **-ied, -y·ing** to feel pity (for)

piv·ot (piv′ət) ***n.*** [Fr] **1** a point, shaft, etc. on which something turns **2** a person or thing on which something depends, etc. **3** a pivoting movement —***vt.*** to provide with a pivot —***vi.*** to turn as on a pivot —**piv′ot·al** ***adj.***

pix·el (pik′səl) ***n.*** [< *pic*(*ture*)*s* + *el*(*ement*)] any of the dots that make up an image on a video screen

pix·ie or **pix·y** (pik′sē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ies** [< Brit dial.] a fairy, elf, etc.

pi·zazz or **piz·zazz** (pi zaz′) ***n.*** [Inf.] **1** vigor **2** style, flair, etc.

piz·za (pēt′sə) ***n.*** [It] an Italian dish made by baking thin dough covered with tomatoes, cheese, etc.

piz·ze·ri·a (pēt′sə rē′ə) ***n.*** [It] a place where pizzas are made and sold

piz·zi·ca·to (pit′si kät′ō) ***adj.*** [It] *Music* plucked: a note to pluck the strings with the finger instead of bowing: also written ***piz′zi·ca′to***

pj's (pē′jāz′) ***pl.n.*** *inf. var. of* PAJAMAS

pk *abbrev.* **1** pack **2** park **3** peck

pkg *abbrev.* package(s)

Pkwy or **Pky** *abbrev.* Parkway

pl *abbrev.* **1** place: also **Pl** **2** plural

plac·ard (plak′ärd; -ərd) ***n.*** [< MDu *placke*, a piece] a notice for display in a public place —***vt.*** to place placards on or in

pla·cate (plā′kāt′) ***vt.*** **-cat′ed, -cat′ing** [< L *placare*] to appease; pacify —**pla·ca′tion** ***n.***

place (plās) ***n.*** [< Gr *plateia*, a street] **1** a court or short street in a city **2** space; room **3** a region **4** *a*) the part of space occupied by a person or thing *b*) situation **5** a city, town, etc. **6** a residence **7** a building or space devoted to a special purpose *[*a *place* of amusement*]* **8** a particular point, part, position, etc. *[*a sore *place* on the leg, a *place* in history*]* **9** a step or point in a sequence **10** the proper position, time, etc. **11** a space, seat, etc. reserved or occupied by a person **12** a job or position **13** the duties of any position **14** the second position at the finish of a race —***vt.*** **placed, plac′ing** **1** *a*) to put in a particular place, condition, or relation *b*) to recognize or identify **2** to find employment

for **3** to repose (trust) *in* a person or thing **4** to finish in (a specified position) in a race —***vi.*** to finish second or among the first three in a race —**take place** to occur

pla·ce·bo (plə sē′bō) ***n.***, *pl.* **-bos** or **-boes** [< L, I shall please] a harmless, unmedicated preparation given as a medicine, as to humor a patient

place mat a small mat serving as an individual table cover for a person at a meal

place′ment ***n.*** **1** a placing or being placed **2** location or arrangement

pla·cen·ta (plə sen′tə) ***n.***, *pl.* **-tas** or **-tae** (-tē) [ult. < Gr *plax*, a flat object] the structure in the uterus through which the fetus is nourished: cf. AFTERBIRTH —**pla·cen′tal** ***adj.***

plac·er (plas′ər) ***n.*** [< Sp *placel*] a deposit of gravel or sand containing particles of gold, etc. that can be washed out

place setting the dish, utensils, etc. used for setting one place at a table for a meal

plac·id (plas′id) ***adj.*** [L *placidus*] calm; quiet —**pla·cid·i·ty** (plə sid′ə tē) ***n.*** —**plac′id·ly** ***adv.***

plack·et (plak′it) ***n.*** [< ?] a slit at the waist of a skirt or collar of a shirt, to make it easy to put on and take off

pla·gi·a·rize (plā′jə rīz′) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** **-rized′**, **-riz′ing** [< L *plagiarius*, kidnapper] to take (ideas, writings, etc.) from (another) and pass them off as one's own —**pla′gi·a·rism′** (-riz′əm) ***n.*** —**pla′gi·a·rist** ***n.***

plague (plāg) ***n.*** [< Gr *plēgē*, a misfortune] **1** any affliction or calamity **2** any deadly epidemic disease —***vt.*** **plagued**, **plagu′ing** **1** to afflict with a plague **2** to vex; torment

plaice (plās) ***n.***, *pl.* **plaice** or **plaices** any of various American and European flounders

plaid (plad) ***n.*** [Gael *plaide*, a blanket] **1** cloth with a crossbarred pattern **2** any pattern of this kind —***adj.*** having such a pattern

plain (plān) ***adj.*** [< L *planus*, flat] **1** open; clear *[in plain view]* **2** clearly understood; obvious **3** outspoken; straightforward **4** not luxurious or ornate **5** not complicated; simple **6** homely **7** pure; unmixed **8** common; ordinary *[a plain man]* —***n.*** an extent of level country —***adv.*** clearly —**plain′ly** ***adv.*** —**plain′ness** ***n.***

plain′clothes′ man a detective or police officer who wears civilian clothes while on duty: also **plain′clothes′man**, *pl.* **-men**

plain′song′ ***n.*** a very old, plain kind of church music chanted in unison

plaint (plānt) ***n.*** [< L *plangere*, to lament] a complaint or lament

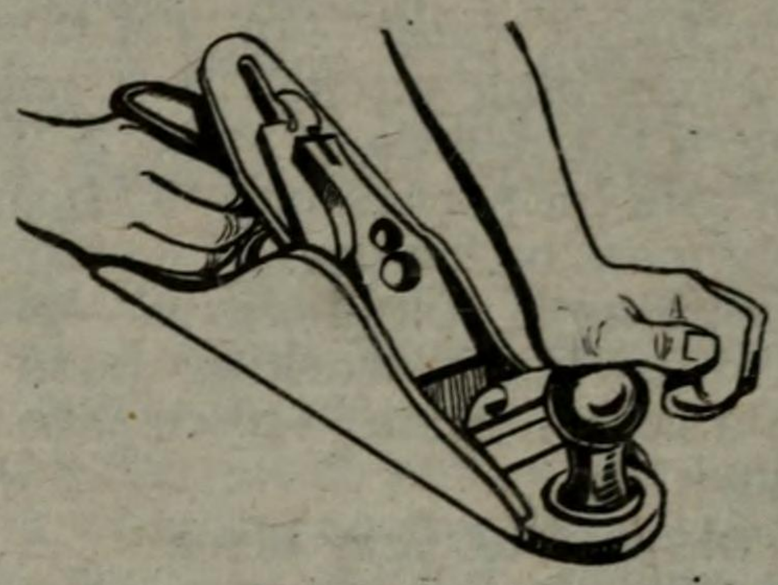
plain·tiff (plān′tif) ***n.*** [see prec.] one who brings a suit into a court of law

plain′tive (-tiv) ***adj.*** [see PLAINT] expressing sorrow or melancholy; mournful; sad

plait (plāt) ***n.*** [< L *plicare*, to fold] a braid of hair, etc. —***vt.*** to braid

plan (plan) ***n.*** [Fr, plan, foundation] **1** a diagram showing the arrangement of a structure, piece of ground, etc. **2** a scheme for making, doing, or arranging something **3** any outline or sketch —***vt.*** **planned**, **plan′ning** **1** to make a plan of (a structure, etc.) **2** to devise a scheme for doing, etc. **3** to have in mind as a project or purpose —***vi.*** to make plans —**plan′ner** ***n.***

plane[1] (plān) ***adj.*** [L *planus*] **1** flat; level **2** of or having to do with flat surfaces or points, lines, etc. on them *[plane* geometry*]* —***n.*** **1** a flat, level surface **2** a level of achievement, etc. **3** *short for* AIRPLANE



PLANE

plane[2] (plān) ***n.*** [< L *planus*, level] a carpenter's tool for shaving a wood surface to make it smooth or level —***vt.*** **planed**, **plan′ing** to smooth or level with a plane

plan·et (plan′it) ***n.*** [< Gr *planan*, wander] any celestial body that revolves about a star; esp., one of the sun's nine major planets: Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto —**plan′e·tar′y** (-ə ter′ē) ***adj.***

plan·e·tar·i·um (plan′ə ter′ē əm) ***n.***, *pl.* **-i·ums** or **-i·a** (-ə) **1** a revolving projector used to simulate the past, present, or future motions or positions of the sun, planets, etc. on the inside of a large dome **2** the room or building containing this

plane tree any of various trees with ball-shaped fruits and bark that sheds in large patches; sycamore

plan·gent (plan′jənt) ***adj.*** [< L *plangere*, to beat] loud or resonant, and, often, mournful-sounding

plank (plaŋk) ***n.*** [< LL *planca*] **1** a long, broad, thick board **2** an item in the platform of a political party —***vt.*** **1** to cover with planks **2** to broil and serve (steak, fish, etc.) on a board **3** [Inf.] to set (*down*) with force

plank′ing ***n.*** **1** planks in quantity **2** the planks of a structure

plank·ton (plaŋk′tən) ***n.*** [< Gr *plazesthai*, wander] the microscopic animal and plant life found floating in bodies of water

plant (plant) ***n.*** [< L *planta*, a sprout] **1** any of a group of living organisms, excluding animals, bacteria, and certain other simple organisms, typically having leaves, stems, and roots and the ability to carry on photosynthesis **2** an herb, as distinguished from a tree or shrub **3** the machinery, buildings, etc.

of a factory, etc. —*vt.* **1** to put into the ground to grow **2** to set firmly in position **3** to settle; establish **4** [Slang] to place (a person or thing) in such a way as to trick, trap, etc.

plan·tain[1] (plan′tin) *n.* [< L *plantago*] a plant with basal leaves and spikes of tiny, greenish flowers

plan·tain[2] (plan′tin) *n.* [< Sp *plátano*, banana tree] a hybrid banana plant yielding a fruit that is usually cooked while green

plan·tar (plant′ər) *adj.* [< L *planta*, sole] of or on the sole of the foot

plan·ta·tion (plan tā′shən) *n.* [< L *plantare*, to plant] **1** an estate, as in a warm climate, cultivated by workers living on it **2** a large, cultivated planting of trees

plant·er (plant′ər) *n.* **1** the owner of a plantation **2** one that plants **3** a decorative container for plants

plant′ing *n.* **1** the act of putting seeds, etc. into soil **2** something planted

plant louse APHID

plaque (plak) *n.* [Fr < MDu *placke*, disk] **1** a flat, inscribed piece of wood or metal, used to commemorate an event, etc. **2** a thin film of matter on uncleaned teeth

plash (plash) *vt.*, *vi.*, *n.* [echoic] SPLASH

plas·ma (plaz′mə) *n.* [Ger < Gr, something molded] **1** the fluid part of blood, lymph, or milk **2** a high-temperature, ionized gas that is electrically neutral

plasma membrane a very thin living membrane surrounding a plant or animal cell

plas·ter (plas′tər) *n.* [< Gr *emplassein*, to daub over] **1** a pasty mixture, as of lime, sand, and water, that hardens when it dries, for coating walls, etc. **2** PLASTER OF PARIS **3** a pasty, medicinal preparation spread on cloth and applied to the body —*vt.* **1** to cover as with plaster **2** to apply like a plaster *[to plaster posters on walls]* **3** to make lie smooth and flat —**plas′ter·er** *n.*

plas′ter·board′ *n.* thin board consisting of plaster of Paris covered with heavy paper, used in wide sheets for walls, etc.

plaster of Paris [from use of gypsum from *Paris*, France] a thick paste of gypsum and water that sets quickly: used for casts, statuary, etc.

plas·tic (plas′tik) *adj.* [< Gr *plassein*, to form] **1** molding or shaping matter; formative **2** that can be molded or shaped **3** made of plastic —*n.* **1** any of various nonmetallic compounds, synthetically produced, which can be molded and hardened for commercial use **2** [Inf.] a credit card or credit cards, or credit based on their use —**plas·tic′i·ty** (-tis′ə tē) *n.*

plas′ti·cize′ (-tə sīz′) *vt.*, *vi.* **-cized′**, **-ciz′ing** to make or become plastic

plastic surgery surgery dealing with the repair of deformed or destroyed parts of the body, as by transferring skin, bone, etc. from other parts —**plastic surgeon**

plat (plat) *n.* [var. of PLOT] **1** a small piece of ground **2** a map or plan, as of a subdivision —*vt.* **plat′ted**, **plat′ting** to make a map or plan of

plate (plāt) *n.* [< Gr *platys*, broad] **1** a smooth, flat, thin piece of metal, etc., specif. one on which an engraving is cut **2** an impression taken from an engraved surface **3** dishes, utensils, etc. of, or plated with, silver or gold **4** a shallow dish **5** the food in a dish; a course **6** a denture, specif. that part of it which fits to the mouth **7** *Baseball short for* HOME PLATE **8** *Photog.* a sheet of glass, metal, etc. coated with a film sensitive to light **9** *Printing* a cast to be printed from —*vt.* **plat′ed**, **plat′ing** **1** to coat with gold, silver, etc. **2** to cover with metal plates

pla·teau (pla tō′) *n.* [Fr: see prec.] **1** an elevated tract of level land **2** a period of relative stability or little change

plate glass polished, clear glass in thick sheets, for windows, mirrors, etc.

plate·let (plāt′lit) *n.* a small blood cell involved in clotting

plat·en (plat′′n) *n.* [< OFr *plat*, flat] **1** in a printing press, a flat metal plate which presses the paper against the type **2** a typewriter roller on which the keys strike

plate tec·ton·ics (tek tän′iks) *Geol.* the theory that the earth's surface consists of plates whose constant motion explains continental drift, etc.

plat·form (plat′fôrm′) *n.* [Fr *plateforme*, lit., flat form] **1** a raised horizontal surface, as a stage for speakers, etc. **2** a statement of policy, esp. of a political party

plat·i·num (plat′′n əm) *n.* [< Sp *plata*, silver] a silvery, metallic chemical element, resistant to corrosion: used for jewelry, etc.

plat·i·tude (plat′ə to͞od′) *n.* [Fr < *plat*, flat, after *latitude*, etc.] a commonplace or trite remark

Pla·to (plāt′ō) 427?-347? B.C.; Gr. philosopher

Pla·ton·ic (plə tän′ik) *adj.* **1** of Plato or his philosophy **2** [*usually* **p-**] not sexual but purely spiritual: said of a relationship, etc.

pla·toon (plə to͞on′) *n.* [Fr *peloton*, a ball, group] **1** a military unit composed of two or more squads **2** *Sports* any of the specialized squads making up a team —*vt. Sports* to alternate (players) at a position

plat·ter (plat′ər) *n.* [< OFr *plat*, flat] a large, shallow dish, usually oval, for serving food

plat·y (plat′ē) *n.*, *pl.* **plat′y**, **plat′ys**, or **plat′ies** [clipped < ModL *Platypoecilus*, genus name] a brightly colored, freshwater fish of Central America: used in aquariums

plat·y·pus (plat′ə pəs) *n.*, *pl.* **-pus·es** or **-pi′** (-pī′) [< Gr *platys*, flat + *pous*, foot] a small, egg-laying water mammal of Australia, with webbed feet and a duck-like bill; duckbill

plau·dit (plô′dit) *n.* [< L *plaudere*, applaud] [*usually pl.*] applause

plau·si·ble (plô′zə bəl) *adj.* [< L

plaudere, applaud‖ seemingly true, trustworthy, honest, etc. —**plau'si·bil'i·ty** *n.*

play (plā) *vi.* ‖OE *plegan*‖ **1** to move lightly, rapidly, etc. *[*sunlight *played* on the water*]* **2** to engage in recreation **3** to take part in a game or sport **4** to trifle (*with* a thing or person) **5** to perform on a musical instrument **6** to give out sounds **7** to act in a specified way *[*to *play* dumb*]* **8** to act in a drama **9** to impose unscrupulously (*on* another's feelings) —*vt.* **1** to take part in (a game or sport) **2** to oppose (a person, team, etc.) in a game **3** to do, as in fun *[*to *play* tricks*]* **4** to bet on **5** to cause to move, etc.; wield **6** to cause *[*to *play* havoc*]* **7** to perform (music, a drama, etc.) **8** to perform on (an instrument) **9** to act the part of *[*to *play* Hamlet*]* —*n.* **1** motion or activity, esp. when free or rapid **2** freedom for motion or action **3** recreation; sport **4** fun; joking **5** the playing of a game **6** a move or act in a game **7** a dramatic composition or performance; drama —**in** (or **out of**) **play** *Sports* in (or not in) the condition for continuing play: said of a ball, etc. —**play down** to attach little importance to —**played out** exhausted —**play up** [Inf.] to give prominence to —**play up to** [Inf.] to try to please by flattery

play'act' *vi.* **1** to pretend **2** to behave in an affected or dramatic manner —**play'act'ing** *n.*

play'back' *n.* **1** reproduction of sounds, images, etc. from a recorded disc, tape, etc. **2** the control or device for such reproduction

play'bill' *n.* **1** a poster advertising a play **2** a program of a play, listing the cast, etc.

play'boy' *n.* a man of means who is given to pleasure-seeking

play'er *n.* **1** one who plays a specified game, instrument, etc. **2** an actor

play'ful *adj.* **1** fond of play or fun **2** jocular —**play'ful·ly** *adv.* —**play'ful·ness** *n.*

play'go'er (-gō'ər) *n.* one who goes to the theater frequently or regularly

play'ground' *n.* a place, often near a school, for outdoor recreation

play'house' *n.* **1** a theater for live dramatic productions **2** a small house for children to play in

playing cards cards used in playing various games, arranged in four suits

play'mate' *n.* a companion in games and recreation

play'off' *n.* a contest to break a tie or to decide a championship

play on words a pun or punning

play'pen' *n.* a portable enclosure for an infant to play or crawl in safely

play'thing' *n.* a toy

play'wright' (-rīt') *n.* one who writes plays

pla·za (plä'zə, plaz'ə) *n.* ‖Sp < L *platea*, street‖ **1** a public square in a city or town **2** a shopping center **3** a service area along a superhighway

plea (plē) *n.* ‖< L *placere*, to please‖ **1** a statement in defense; excuse **2** a request; appeal **3** *Law* the response of a defendant to criminal charges

plea'-bar'gain *vi.* to engage in plea bargaining

plea bargaining pretrial negotiations in which the defendant agrees to plead guilty to a lesser charge if more serious charges are dropped

plead (plēd) *vi.* **plead'ed** or **pled** or **plead** (pled), **plead'ing** ‖see PLEA‖ **1** to present a plea in a law court **2** to make an appeal; beg —*vt.* **1** to argue (a law case) **2** to answer (guilty or not guilty) to a charge **3** to offer as an excuse —**plead'er** *n.*

pleas·ant (plez'ənt) *adj.* ‖< Fr *plaisir*, to please‖ **1** agreeable to the mind or senses; pleasing **2** having an agreeable manner, look, etc.; amiable —**pleas'ant·ly** *adv.* —**pleas'ant·ness** *n.*

pleas'ant·ry (-ən trē) *n., pl.* **-ries** **1** a humorous remark **2** a polite social remark *[*to exchange *pleasantries]*

please (plēz) *vt.* **pleased, pleas'ing** ‖< L *placere*‖ **1** to be agreeable to; satisfy **2** to be the wish of *[*it *pleased* him to go*]* —*vi.* **1** to be agreeable; satisfy **2** to have the wish; like *[*to do as one *pleases] Please* is also used in polite requests *[please* sit down*]*

pleas'ing *adj.* giving pleasure —**pleas'ing·ly** *adv.*

pleas·ur·a·ble (plezh'ər ə bəl) *adj.* pleasant; enjoyable

pleas·ure (plezh'ər) *n.* **1** a pleased feeling; delight **2** one's wish, will, or choice **3** a thing that gives delight or satisfaction —**pleas'ure·ful** *adj.*

pleat (plēt) *n.* ‖ME *pleten*‖ a flat double fold in cloth, etc. pressed or stitched in place —*vt.* to lay and press (cloth) in a pleat or pleats

ple·be·ian (pli bē'ən) *n.* ‖< L *plebs*, the common people‖ **1** one of the common people **2** a vulgar, coarse person —*adj.* vulgar or common

pleb·i·scite (pleb'ə sīt') *n.* ‖< L *plebs*, the common people + *scitum*, a decree‖ a direct vote of the people on a political issue, such as independent nationhood or annexation

plec·trum (plek'trəm) *n., pl.* **-trums** or **-tra** (-trə) ‖L < Gr *plēssein*, to strike‖ a thin piece of metal, plastic, etc., for plucking the strings of a guitar, etc.; pick

pled (pled) *vi., vt. pt. & pp. of* PLEAD

pledge (plej) *n.* ‖prob < OS *plegan*, to warrant‖ **1** the condition of being given or held as security for a contract, payment, etc. **2** a person or thing given or held thus as security **3** a promise or agreement **4** something promised —*vt.* **pledged, pledg'ing** **1** to give as security **2** to bind by a promise **3** to promise to give

Pleis·to·cene (plīs'tə sēn') *adj.* ‖< Gr *pleistos*, most + *kainos*, recent‖ designating an epoch in the Cenozoic Era, characterized by the appearance of modern humans

ple·na·ry (plē'nə rē, plen'ə-) *adj.* ‖< L *plenus*, full‖ **1** full; complete **2** for attendance by all members *[*a *plenary*

session]

plen·i·po·ten·ti·ar·y (plen′i pō ten′shē er′ē) ***adj.*** [< L *plenus*, full + *potens*, powerful] having or conferring full authority —***n.***, *pl.* **-ar′ies** a diplomat given full authority

plen·i·tude (plen′i to͞od′) ***n.*** [< L *plenus*, full] **1** fullness; completeness **2** abundance; plenty

plen·te·ous (plen′tē əs) ***adj.*** plentiful

plen·ti·ful (plen′ti fəl) ***adj.*** **1** having or yielding plenty **2** abundant —**plen′ti·ful·ly** ***adv.***

plen·ty (plen′tē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ties** [< L *plenus*, full] **1** prosperity; opulence **2** a sufficient supply **3** a large number —***adv.*** [Inf.] fully; quite

pleth·o·ra (pleth′ə rə) ***n.*** [< Gr *plēthein*, to be full] an overabundance

pleu·ra (plo͝or′ə) ***n.***, *pl.* **-rae** (-ē) [< Gr, rib, side] the thin membrane that covers a lung and lines the chest cavity in mammals

pleu·ri·sy (plo͝or′ə sē) ***n.*** [< Gr *pleura*, rib, side] inflammation of the pleura, characterized by painful breathing

Plex·i·glas (plek′si glas′) *trademark for* a lightweight, transparent thermoplastic substance —***n.*** this material

plex·i·glass (plek′si glas′) ***n.*** a material like Plexiglas

plex·us (plek′səs) ***n.***, *pl.* **-us·es** or **-us** [< L *plectere*, to twine] a network of blood vessels, nerves, etc.

pli·a·ble (plī′ə bəl) ***adj.*** [< L *plicare*, to fold] **1** easily bent; flexible **2** easily influenced or persuaded **3** adaptable —**pli′a·bil′i·ty** ***n.***

pli·ant (plī′ənt) ***adj.*** **1** easily bent; pliable **2** compliant —**pli′an·cy** ***n.***

pli·ers (plī′ərz) ***pl.n.*** [< PLY[1]] small pincers for gripping small objects, bending wire, etc.: often **pair of pliers**



PLIERS

plight[1] (plīt) ***n.*** [< OFr *pleit*, a fold] a distressing situation

plight[2] (plīt) ***vt.*** [< OE *pliht*, a pledge, danger] to pledge, or bind by a pledge

plinth (plinth) ***n.*** [< Gr *plinthos*, a brick] the block at the base of a column, pedestal, etc.

PLO *abbrev.* Palestine Liberation Organization

plod (pläd) ***vi.*** **plod′ded**, **plod′ding** [of echoic orig.] **1** to move heavily and laboriously; trudge **2** to work steadily; drudge —**plod′der** ***n.***

plop (pläp) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** **plopped**, **plop′ping** [echoic] to drop with a sound like that of something flat falling into water —***n.*** such a sound

plot (plät) ***n.*** [OE] **1** a small area of ground **2** a secret, usually evil, scheme **3** the plan of action of a play, novel, etc.: also **plot′line′** —***vt.*** **plot′ted**, **plot′ting** **1** to mark or trace on a chart or map **2** to make secret plans for —***vi.*** to scheme —**plot·ter** ***n.***

plov·er (pluv′ər, plō′vər) ***n.*** [< L *pluvia*, rain] a bird living near the shore, having a short tail and long, pointed wings

plow (plou) ***n.*** [OE *ploh*] **1** a farm implement used to cut and turn up the soil **2** any implement like this, as a snowplow —***vt.*** **1** to cut and turn up (soil) with a plow **2** to make (one's way) through by or as if by plowing —***vi.*** **1** to use a plow **2** to move (*through, into*, etc.) with force **3** to plod **4** to begin work vigorously: with *into* Also, chiefly Brit., **plough** —**plow′man** (-mən), *pl.* **-men**, ***n.***

plow′share′ ***n.*** the cutting blade of a plow

ploy (ploi) ***n.*** [? < (EM)PLOY] an action intended to outwit someone

pluck (pluk) ***vt.*** [OE *pluccian*] **1** to pull off or out; pick **2** to snatch **3** to pull feathers or hair from **4** to pull at (a guitar string, etc.) and release quickly —***vi.*** to pull: often with *at* —***n.*** **1** a pulling; tug **2** courage

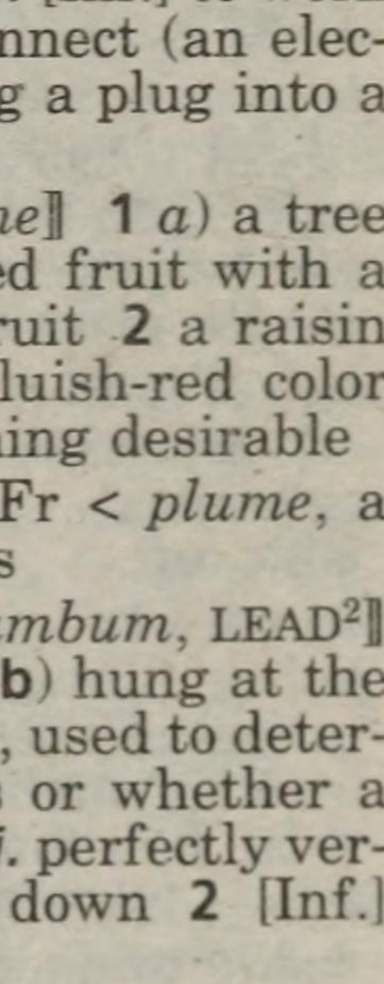
pluck′y ***adj.*** **-i·er**, **-i·est** brave; spirited —**pluck′i·ness** ***n.***

plug (plug) ***n.*** [MDu *plugge*] **1** an object used to stop up a hole, etc. **2** a cake of pressed tobacco **3** an electrical device, as with prongs, for making contact or closing a circuit **4** a kind of fishing lure **5** [Inf.] a free boost, advertisement, etc. **6** [Slang] an old, worn-out horse —***vt.*** **plugged**, **plug′ging** **1** to fill (a hole, etc.) with a plug **2** to insert a plug of **3** [Inf.] to advertise with a plug **4** [Slang] to shoot a bullet into —***vi.*** [Inf.] to work doggedly —**plug in** to connect (an electrical device) by inserting a plug into a jack, socket, etc.

plum (plum) ***n.*** [OE *plume*] **1** *a*) a tree bearing a smooth-skinned fruit with a flattened stone *b*) the fruit **2** a raisin *[plum* pudding*]* **3** the bluish-red color of some plums **4** something desirable

plum·age (plo͞o′mij) ***n.*** [Fr < *plume*, a feather] a bird's feathers

plumb (plum) ***n.*** [< L *plumbum*, LEAD[2]] a lead weight (**plumb bob**) hung at the end of a line (**plumb line**), used to determine how deep water is or whether a wall, etc. is vertical —***adj.*** perfectly vertical —***adv.*** **1** straight down **2** [Inf.] entirely —***vt.*** **1** to test or sound with a plumb **2** to probe or fathom —**out of** (or **off**) **plumb** not vertical



PLUMB

plumb·er (plum′ər) ***n.*** [see prec.] a skilled worker who installs and repairs pipes, fixtures, etc., as of water systems

plumber's helper [Inf.] PLUNGER (sense 2): also **plumber's friend**

plumb·ing (plum′iŋ) ***n.*** **1** the work of a plumber **2** the pipes and fixtures with which a plumber works

plume (plo͞om) ***n.*** [< L *pluma*] **1** a feather, esp. a large, showy one **2** a group of these —***vt.*** **plumed**, **plum′ing**

1 to adorn with plumes 2 to preen — **plum'y**, **-i·er**, **-i·est**, ***adj.***

plum·met (plum'it) ***n.*** [see PLUMB] 1 a plumb 2 a thing that weighs heavily — ***vi.*** to fall straight downward

plump[1] (plump) ***adj.*** [< MDu *plomp*, bulky] full and rounded in form; chubby —**plump'ness** ***n.***

plump[2] (plump) ***vi.***, ***vt.*** [echoic] to drop or bump suddenly or heavily —***n.*** 1 a falling, bumping, etc. 2 the sound of this —***adv.*** 1 suddenly; heavily 2 straight down

plun·der (plun'dər) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** [< Ger *plunder*, baggage] 1 to rob or pillage 2 to take (property) by force or fraud —***n.*** 1 a plundering 2 things taken by force or fraud

plunge (plunj) ***vt.*** **plunged**, **plung'ing** [see PLUMB] to thrust or throw suddenly (*into* a liquid, condition, etc.) —***vi.*** 1 to dive or rush 2 to move violently and rapidly downward or forward 3 [Inf.] to gamble heavily —***n.*** 1 a dive or fall 2 [Inf.] a gamble

plung'er ***n.*** 1 one who plunges 2 a large rubber suction cup used to free clogged drains 3 any cylindrical device that operates with a plunging motion, as a piston

plunk (pluŋk) ***vt.*** [echoic] 1 to strum (a banjo, etc.) 2 to throw or put down heavily —***vi.*** 1 to give out a twanging sound 2 to fall heavily —***n.*** the sound made by plunking —**plunk down** [Inf.] to give in payment

plu·ral (ploor'əl) ***adj.*** [< L *plus*, more] more than one —***n.*** *Gram.* the form of a word designating more than one (Ex.: *hands, men*)

plu'ral·ism' ***n.*** various ethnic, religious, etc. groups existing together in a nation or society —**plu'ral·ist** ***n.***, ***adj.*** —**plu'ral·is'tic** ***adj.***

plu·ral·i·ty (ploo ral'ə tē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ties** 1 a being plural or numerous 2 *a*) the excess of votes in an election that the leading candidate has over the nearest rival *b*) a majority

plu·ral·ize (ploor'ə līz') ***vt.***, ***vi.*** **-ized'**, **-iz'ing** to make plural

plus (plus) ***prep.*** [L, more] 1 added to *[2 plus 2]* 2 in addition to —***adj.*** 1 indicating addition 2 positive *[a plus quantity]* 3 somewhat higher than *[a grade of B plus]* 4 involving extra gain *[a plus factor]* 5 [Inf.] and more *[personality plus]* —***n.***, *pl.* **plus'es** or **plus'ses** 1 a sign (**plus sign**, +) indicating addition or positive quantity 2 something added 3 an advantage; benefit

plush (plush) ***n.*** [< L *pilus*, hair] a fabric with a soft, thick pile —***adj.*** [Inf.] luxurious: also **plush'y**, **-i·er**, **-i·est**

Plu·tarch (ploo'tärk') A.D. 46?-120?; Gr. biographer & historian

Plu·to (ploot'ō) 1 *Gr. & Rom. Myth.* the god of the lower world 2 the outermost planet: see PLANET

plu·toc·ra·cy (ploo täk'rə sē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-cies** [< Gr *ploutos*, wealth + *kratein*, to rule] 1 government by the wealthy 2 a group of wealthy people who control a government

plu·to·crat (ploot'ə krat') ***n.*** 1 a member of a plutocracy 2 one whose wealth is the source of control or influence — **plu'to·crat'ic** ***adj.***

plu·to·ni·um (ploo tō'nē əm) ***n.*** [after PLUTO (planet)] a radioactive metallic chemical element

plu·vi·al (ploo'vē əl) ***adj.*** [< L *pluvia*, rain] of, or having much, rain

ply[1] (plī) ***vt.*** **plied**, **ply'ing** [< L *plicare*, to fold] [Now Rare] to twist, fold, etc. —***n.***, *pl.* **plies** 1 a thickness or layer, as of cloth or plywood 2 one of the twisted strands in rope, yarn, etc.

ply[2] (plī) ***vt.*** **plied**, **ply'ing** [contr. < APPLY] 1 to use (a tool, faculty, etc.), esp. with energy 2 to work at (a trade) 3 to keep supplying, assailing, etc. (*with*) 4 to sail back and forth across — ***vi.*** 1 to keep busy (*at*) 2 to travel regularly (*between* places)

Ply·mouth (plim'əth) town in SE Massachusetts: settled by the Pilgrims (1620): pop. 46,000

ply'wood' ***n.*** [PLY[1] + WOOD] a construction material made of thin layers of wood glued together

PM *abbrev.* 1 [L *post meridiem*] after noon: used for the time from noon to midnight: also **P.M.** or **p.m.** or **pm** 2 Postmaster 3 Prime Minister

PMS *abbrev.* [*p(re)m(enstrual) s(yndrome)*] the physical and emotional symptoms that may precede menstruation

pneu·mat·ic (noo mat'ik) ***adj.*** [< Gr *pneuma*, breath] 1 of or containing wind, air, or gases 2 filled with or worked by compressed air

pneu·mo·ni·a (noo mōn'yə) ***n.*** [< Gr *pneumōn*, lung < *pnein*, breathe] inflammation of the lungs caused as by bacteria or viruses

Po (pō) river in N Italy, flowing from the Alps into the Adriatic

PO *abbrev.* 1 Post Office 2 post office box

poach[1] (pōch) ***vt.*** [< MFr *poche*, pocket: the yolk is "pocketed" in the white] to cook (fish, an egg without its shell, etc.) in or over boiling water

poach[2] (pōch) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** [< MHG *puchen*, to plunder] 1 to trespass on (private property), esp. to hunt or fish 2 to hunt or catch (game or fish) illegally — **poach'er** ***n.***

pock (päk) ***n.*** [OE *pocc*] 1 a pustule caused by smallpox, etc. 2 POCKMARK —**pocked** ***adj.***

pock·et (päk'it) ***n.*** [< Fr *poque*, a pouch] 1 a little bag or pouch, esp. one sewn into clothing, for carrying small articles 2 a pouchlike cavity or hollow 3 a small area or group *[a pocket of poverty]* — ***adj.*** 1 that can be carried in a pocket 2 small —***vt.*** 1 to put into a pocket 2 to envelop; enclose 3 to take (money, etc.) dishonestly 4 to suppress *[to pocket one's pride]* —**pock'et·ful'**, *pl.* **-fuls'**, ***n.***

pock'et·book' ***n.*** 1 a woman's purse or handbag 2 monetary resources

pock'et·knife' ***n.***, *pl.* **-knives'** a knife with a blade or blades that fold into the

handle

pock'mark' *n.* a scar left by a pustule, as of smallpox

pod (päd) *n.* [< ?] a dry fruit or seed vessel, as of peas or beans

-pod (päd) [< Gr *pous*, foot] *combining form* **1** foot **2** (one) having (a specified number or kind of) feet Also **-pode** (pōd)

po·di·a·try (pō dī'ə trē) *n.* [< Gr *pous*, foot + -IATRY] the profession dealing with the care and treatment of the feet —**po·di'a·trist** *n.*

po·di·um (pō'dē əm) *n.* [L < Gr *pous*, foot] **1** a small platform, as for an orchestra conductor **2** LECTERN

Poe (pō), **Ed·gar Al·lan** (ed'gər al'ən) 1809-49; U.S. poet & short-story writer

po·em (pō'əm) *n.* [< Gr *poiein*, to make] an arrangement of words, esp. a rhythmical composition, sometimes rhymed, in a style more imaginative than ordinary speech or prose

po·e·sy (pō'ə sē') *n. old-fashioned var. of* POETRY

po·et (pō'ət) *n.* **1** one who writes poems or verses **2** one who displays imaginative power and beauty of thought, language, etc. —**po'et·ess** *fem.n.*

po·et·as·ter (pō'ə tas'tər) *n.* [< prec. + L *-aster*, dim. suffix] a writer of mediocre verse

po·et·ic (pō et'ik) *adj.* **1** of or for poets or poetry **2** displaying the beauty, imaginative qualities, etc. found in good poetry Also **po·et'i·cal** *adj.* —**po·et'i·cal·ly** *adv.*

poetic justice justice, as in stories, applied in an especially fitting way

poetic license deviation from strict fact or rules, for artistic effect

poet laureate the official poet of a nation, appointed to write poems celebrating national events, etc.

po·et·ry (pō'ə trē) *n.* **1** the art, theory, or structure of poems **2** poems **3** poetic qualities

po·grom (pō'grəm, -gräm') *n.* [< Russ, earlier, riot, storm] an organized massacre, as of Jews in czarist Russia

poi (pȯi) *n.* [Haw] a Hawaiian food that is a paste of taro root

poign·ant (pȯin'yənt) *adj.* [< L *pungere*, to prick] **1** pungent **2** *a*) sharply painful to the feelings *b*) emotionally moving **3** sharp, biting, pointed, etc. —**poign'an·cy** *n.*

poin·ci·an·a (pȯin'sē an'ə) *n.* [after M. de *Poinci*, early governor of the Fr West Indies] a small tropical tree or shrub with showy red, orange, or yellow flowers

poin·set·ti·a (pȯin set'ə, -set'ē ə) *n.* [after J. R. *Poinsett*, 19th-c. U.S. ambassador to Mexico] a tropical shrub with yellow flowers and petal-like red leaves

point (pȯint) *n.* [< L *pungere*, to prick] **1** a dot in writing, etc. *[a decimal point]* **2** a position or location **3** the exact moment **4** a condition reached *[boiling point]* **5** a detail; item *[point by point]* **6** a distinguishing feature **7** a unit, as of value or game scores **8** a sharp end **9** a projecting piece of land; cape **10** the essential fact or idea *[the point of a joke]* **11** a purpose; object **12** a convincing idea or fact **13** a helpful hint **14** a mark showing direction on a compass **15** *Finance a*) a $1 change in the price of a stock *b*) a unit or amount equal to one percent **16** *Printing* a measuring unit for type, about $\frac{1}{72}$ of an inch —***vt.*** **1** to sharpen to a point **2** to give (a story, etc.) emphasis: usually with *up* **3** to show: usually with *out [point* out the way*]* **4** to aim —***vi.*** **1** to direct one's finger (*at* or *to*) **2** to call attention (*to*) **3** to be directed (*to* or *toward*) —**at the point of** very close to —**beside the point** irrelevant —**to the point** pertinent; apt

point'-blank' ***adj.***, ***adv.*** [prec. + *blank* (white center of a target)] **1** (aimed) straight at a mark **2** direct(ly); blunt(ly)

point'ed ***adj.*** **1** having a sharp end **2** sharp; incisive **3** aimed at someone: said as of a remark **4** very evident —**point'ed·ly** ***adv.***

poin·telle (pȯin tel') *n.* a lacy, loosely formed fabric, often of acrylic, used for blouses, sweaters, etc.

point'er *n.* **1** a long, tapered rod for pointing to things **2** an indicator on a meter, etc. **3** a large, muscular hunting dog with a smooth coat **4** [Inf.] a helpful hint or suggestion

poin·til·lism (pwan'tə liz'əm) *n.* [Fr] a style of painting using dots of color that blend together when seen from a distance —**poin'til·list** *n.*, ***adj.***

point'less ***adj.*** **1** without a point **2** without meaning or force; senseless

point man **1** the soldier in the front position in a patrol **2** anyone in the forefront a movement of attacking or supporting a political program, etc.

point of view **1** the way in which something is viewed **2** a mental attitude or opinion

point'y ***adj.*** **-i·er**, **-i·est** **1** coming to a sharp point **2** many-pointed

poise (pȯiz) *n.* [< L *pendere*, weigh] **1** balance; stability **2** ease and dignity of manner **3** carriage, as of the body —***vt.***, ***vi.*** **poised**, **pois'ing** to balance or be balanced

poised ***adj.*** **1** calm; self-assured **2** readied

poi·son (pȯi'zən) *n.* [< L *potio*, potion] a substance that can cause illness or death when ingested even in small quantities —***vt.*** **1** to harm or kill with poison **2** to put poison into **3** to influence wrongfully —***adj.*** poisonous

poison ivy a plant having leaves of

three leaflets and ivory-colored berries: it can cause a severe rash if touched



POISON IVY

poi'son·ous *adj.* that can injure or kill by or as by poison; toxic —**poi'son·ous·ly** *adv.*

poison pill any defensive measure that makes the takeover of a corporation prohibitively expensive

poke[1] (pōk) *vt.* **poked, pok'ing** [< MDu *poken*] **1** *a*) to prod, as with a stick *b*) [Slang] to hit **2** to make (a hole, etc.) by poking —*vi.* **1** to jab (*at*) **2** to pry or search (*about* or *around*) **3** to move slowly (*along*) —*n.* **1** a jab; thrust **2** [Slang] a blow with the fist —**poke fun at** to ridicule

poke[2] (pōk) *n.* [OFr] [Dial.] a sack

pok·er[1] (pōk'ər) *n.* [< ? Ger *pochspiel*, lit., game of defiance] a card game in which the players bet on the value of their hands

pok·er[2] (pō'kər) *n.* a rod, usually of iron, for stirring a fire

poker face an expressionless face, as of a poker player trying to conceal the nature of his or her hand

pok·y (pō'kē) *adj.* **-i·er, -i·est** [POKE[1] + -Y[2]] **1** slow, dull, etc. **2** small and uncomfortable *[a poky room]* Also **pok'ey**

pol (päl) *n.* [Slang] a politician

Pol *abbrev.* **1** Poland **2** Polish

Po·land (pō'lənd) country in EC Europe, on the Baltic Sea: 120,628 sq. mi.; pop. 38,309,000

po·lar (pō'lər) *adj.* **1** of or near the North or South pole **2** of a pole or poles

polar bear a large white bear of coastal arctic regions

Po·la·ris (pō lar'is) *n.* the bright star almost directly above the North Pole

po·lar·i·ty (pō lar'ə tē) *n., pl.* **-ties** **1** the tendency of bodies having opposite magnetic poles to have their ends point to the earth's magnetic poles **2** the tendency to turn, grow, think, etc. in contrary directions, as if because of magnetic repulsion

po·lar·i·za·tion (pō'lə ri zā'shən) *n.* **1** a polarizing or being polarized **2** *Optics* the condition of electromagnetic waves in which the motion of the wave is confined to one plane or one direction

po·lar·ize (pō'lə rīz') *vt.* **-ized', -iz'ing** to give polarity to —*vi.* to acquire polarity; specif., to separate into opposed or antagonistic groups, viewpoints, etc.

Po·lar·oid (pō'lə roid') *trademark for:* **1** a transparent material capable of polarizing light **2** [< *Polaroid* (*Land Camera*)] *a*) a camera that produces a print within seconds *b*) such a print

pole[1] (pōl) *n.* [< L *palus*, a stake] a long, slender piece of wood, metal, etc. —*vt.* **poled, pol'ing** to push along with a pole

pole[2] (pōl) *n.* [< Gr *polos*] **1** either end of any axis, as of the earth's axis **2** either of two opposed forces, parts, etc., as the ends of a magnet or the terminals of a battery

Pole (pōl) *n.* a person born or living in Poland

pole·cat (pōl'kat') *n.* [prob. < OFr *poule*, hen + CAT] **1** a small Old World weasel **2** SKUNK

po·lem·ic (pō lem'ik) *adj.* [< Gr *polemos*, war] of or involving dispute: also **po·lem'i·cal** —*n.* a controversy

po·lem'ics *n.* [*sometimes with pl. v.*] the art or practice of disputation —**po·lem'i·cist** (-i sist) *n.*

pole'star' Polaris, the North Star: usually **Pole Star** —*n.* a guiding principle

pole vault a leap for height by jumping over a bar with the aid of a long pole —**pole'-vault'** *vi.* —**pole'-vault'er** *n.*

po·lice (pə lēs') *n.* [Fr: ult. < Gr *polis*, city] **1** the governmental department (of a city, state, etc.) for keeping order, detecting crime, etc. **2** [*with pl. v.*] the members of such a department —*vt.* **-liced', -lic'ing** **1** to control, protect, etc. with police or a similar force **2** to keep (a military camp, etc.) clean and orderly

po·lice'man (-mən) *n., pl.* **-men** (-mən) a member of a police force —**po·lice'wom'an**, *pl.* **-wom'en**, *fem.n.*

police officer a member of a police force

police state a government that seeks to suppress political opposition by means of police

pol·i·cy[1] (päl'ə sē) *n., pl.* **-cies** [see POLICE] **1** wise management **2** a principle, plan, etc., as of a government

pol·i·cy[2] (päl'ə sē) *n., pl.* **-cies** [< Gr *apodeixis*, proof] a written insurance contract: in full **insurance policy**

pol'i·cy·hold'er *n.* a person to whom an insurance policy is issued

po·li·o·my·e·li·tis (pō'lē ō mī'ə līt'is) *n.* [< Gr *polios*, gray + MYELITIS] an acute infectious disease caused by viral inflammation of the gray matter of the spinal cord, often resulting in muscular paralysis: also **po'li·o'**

pol·ish (päl'ish) *vt.* [< L *polire*] **1** to smooth and brighten, as by rubbing **2** to refine (manners, style, etc.) —*vi.* to take a polish —*n.* **1** a surface gloss **2** elegance, refinement, etc. **3** a substance used to polish —**polish off** [Inf.] to finish (a meal, job, etc.) completely

Pol·ish (pōl'ish) *adj.* of Poland or its people, language, etc. —*n.* the Slavic language of Poland

po·lite (pə līt') *adj.* [< L *polire*, to polish] **1** cultured; refined **2** courteous; mannerly —**po·lite'ly** *adv.* —**po·lite'ness** *n.*

pol·i·tesse (päl'i tes') *n.* [Fr] politeness

pol·i·tic (päl'ə tik') *adj.* [see POLICE] **1** having practical wisdom; prudent **2** expedient: said as of a plan —*vi.* **-ticked', -tick'ing** to campaign in politics

po·lit·i·cal (pə lit′i kəl) ***adj.*** **1** of, concerned with, or engaged in government, politics, etc. **2** of or characteristic of political parties or politicians —**po·lit′i·cal·ly** ***adv.***

politically correct holding orthodox liberal political views: usually used disparagingly to connote dogmatism, etc. —**political correctness**

political science the science of the principles, organization, and methods of government —**political scientist**

pol·i·ti·cian (päl′ə tish′ən) ***n.*** one actively engaged in politics: often used with implications of seeking personal or partisan gain, scheming, etc.

po·lit·i·cize (pə lit′ə sīz′) ***vt.*** **-cized′, -ciz′ing** to make political in tone, character, etc.

po·lit·i·co (pə lit′ə kō′) ***n., pl.*** **-cos′** [< Sp or It] POLITICIAN

pol·i·tics (päl′ə tiks) ***pl.n.*** [*with sing. or pl. v.*] **1** the science and art of government **2** political affairs **3** political methods, tactics, etc. **4** political opinions, etc. **5** factional scheming for power

pol′i·ty (-ə tē) ***n., pl.*** **-ties** [see POLICE] **1** governmental organization **2** a society with a government; state

Polk (pōk), **James K.** 1795-1849; 11th president of the U.S. (1845-49)

pol·ka (pōl′kə) ***n.*** [Czech, Polish dance] **1** a fast dance for couples **2** music for this

pol·ka dot (pō′kə, pōl′kə) any of a regular pattern of small, round dots on cloth

poll (pōl) ***n.*** [ME *pol*] **1** the head **2** a counting, listing, etc. of persons, esp. of voters **3** the number of votes recorded **4** [*pl.*] a place where votes are cast **5** a canvassing of people's opinions on some question —***vt.*** **1** to register the votes of **2** to require each member of (a jury, etc.) to declare individual votes **3** to receive (a specified number of votes) **4** to cast (a vote) **5** to canvass in a POLL (sense 5)

pol·len (päl′ən) ***n.*** [L, dust] the fine, dustlike mass of grains in the anthers of seed plants

pollen count the number of grains of pollen, esp. of ragweed, in a given volume of air at a specified time and place

pol·li·nate (päl′ə nāt′) ***vt.*** **-nat′ed, -nat′ing** to transfer pollen to the pistil of (a flower) —**pol′li·na′tion** ***n.*** —**pol′li·na′tor** ***n.***

pol·li·wog (päl′ē wäg′, -wôg′) ***n.*** [< ME: see POLL + WIGGLE] TADPOLE: also **pol′ly·wog′**

poll·ster (pōl′stər) ***n.*** one whose work is taking public-opinion polls

pol·lute (pə lo͞ot′) ***vt.*** **-lut′ed, -lut′ing** [< L *polluere*] to make unclean or impure —**pol·lu′tant** ***n.*** —**pol·lu′tion** ***n.***

Pol·ly·an·na (päl′ē an′ə) ***n.*** [after the young heroine of a novel (1913) by E. H. Porter] an excessively optimistic person

po·lo (pō′lō) ***n.*** [ult. < Tibetan *pulu*, ball] a game played on horseback by two teams, using a wooden ball and long-handled mallets

Po·lo (pō′lō), **Mar·co** (mär′kō) 1254-1324; Venetian traveler in E Asia

pol·o·naise (päl′ə nāz′) ***n.*** [Fr (fem.), Polish] a stately Polish dance

pol·ter·geist (pōl′tər gīst′) ***n.*** [Ger < *poltern*, to rumble + *geist*, ghost] a ghost supposed to be responsible for mysterious noisy disturbances

pol·troon (päl tro͞on′) ***n.*** [< It *poltrone*] a thorough coward

poly- [< Gr] *combining form* much, many

pol·y·clin·ic (päl′i klin′ik) ***n.*** [POLY- + CLINIC] a clinic or hospital for the treatment of various kinds of diseases

pol·y·es·ter (päl′ē es′tər) ***n.*** [POLY(MER) + ESTER] a polymeric resin used in making plastics, fibers, etc.

pol·y·eth·yl·ene (päl′ē eth′ə lēn′) ***n.*** [POLY(MER) + ETHYLENE] a thermoplastic resin used in making plastics, films, etc.

po·lyg·a·my (pə lig′ə mē) ***n.*** [< Gr *poly-*, many + *gamos*, marriage] the practice of having two or more spouses at the same time —**po·lyg′a·mist** ***n.*** —**po·lyg′a·mous** ***adj.***

pol·y·glot (päl′i glät′) ***adj.*** [< Gr *poly-*, many + *glōtta*, tongue] **1** knowing several languages **2** written in several languages —***n.*** a polyglot person

pol′y·gon′ (-gän′) ***n.*** [< Gr: see POLY- & -GON] a closed plane figure consisting of straight lines —**po·lyg·o·nal** (pə lig′ə nəl) ***adj.***

pol′y·graph′ (-graf′) ***n.*** [see POLY- & -GRAPH] a device measuring changes in respiration, pulse rate, etc.: see LIE DETECTOR

pol′y·he′dron (-hē′drən) ***n.*** [< Gr: see POLY- & -HEDRON] a solid figure with usually more than six plane surfaces

pol′y·math′ (-ə math′) ***n.*** [< Gr *poly-*, much + *manthanein*, learn] a person of great and varied learning

pol′y·mer (-mər) ***n.*** [Ger < Gr *poly-*, many + *meros*, part] a substance consisting of giant molecules formed from polymerization —**pol′y·mer′ic** (-mer′ik) ***adj.***

po·lym·er·i·za·tion (pō lim′ər ə zā′ shən) ***n.*** a chaining together of many simple molecules to form a more complex molecule with different properties —**po·lym′er·ize′** (-īz′), **-ized′, -iz′ing**, ***vt., vi.***

Pol·y·ne·sia (päl′i nē′zhə) group of Pacific islands, east of Micronesia, including Hawaii, etc. —**Pol′y·ne′sian** ***adj., n.***

pol·y·no·mi·al (päl′i nō′mē əl) ***n.*** [POLY- + (BI)NOMIAL] a mathematical expression containing three or more terms (Ex: $x^3 + 3x + 2$)

pol·yp (päl′ip) ***n.*** [< Gr *poly-*, many + *pous*, foot] **1** a cnidarian with many small tentacles at the top of a tubelike body **2** a growth of mucous membrane in the bladder, rectum, etc.

po·lyph·o·ny (pə lif′ə nē) ***n.*** [< Gr *poly-*, many + *phōnē*, a sound] *Music* a combining of independent, harmonizing melodies, as in a fugue; counterpoint —**pol·y·phon·ic** (päl′i fän′ik) ***adj.*** —**pol′y·**

phon'i·cal·ly *adv.*

pol·y·rhythm (päl'i rith'əm) *n. Music* **1** the simultaneous use of strongly contrasting rhythms **2** such a rhythm: *usually used in pl.* —**pol'y·rhyth'mic** *adj.*

pol'y·sty'rene' (-stī'rēn') *n.* [POLY(MER) + *styrene*, an organic compound] a clear polymer used to make containers, etc.

pol·y·syl·lab·ic (päl'i si lab'ik) *adj.* **1** having four or more syllables **2** characterized by polysyllabic words —**pol'y·syl'la·ble** (-sil'ə bəl) *n.*

pol'y·tech'nic (-tek'nik) *n., adj.* [< Gr *poly-*, many + *technē*, art] (school) providing instruction in many scientific and technical subjects

pol'y·the·ism' (-thē iz'əm) *n.* [< Gr *poly*, many + *theos*, god] belief in more than one god —**pol'y·the·ist** *adj., n.* —**pol'y·the·is'tic** *adj.*

pol·y·un·sat·u·rat·ed (päl'ē un sach'ə rāt'id) *adj.* designating any of certain vegetable and animal fats and oils with a low cholesterol content

pol'y·u·re·thane' (-yoor'ə thān') *n.* [POLY- + URETHANE] any of various synthetic polymers, used in cushions, coatings, etc.

pol·y·vi·nyl (päl'i vī'nəl) *adj.* designating or of any of a group of polymerized vinyl compounds

po·made (päm ād', pō-) *n.* [< It *pomo*, apple (orig. an ingredient)] a perfumed ointment, as for the hair

pome·gran·ate (päm'gran'it, päm'ə-) *n.* [ult. < L *pomum*, fruit + *granum*, seed] **1** a round, red fruit with a hard rind and many seeds **2** the bush or tree it grows on

pom·mel (päm'əl; *for v.* pum'əl) *n.* [< L *pomum*, fruit] **1** the knob on the end of the hilt of some swords and daggers **2** the rounded, upward-projecting part at the front of a saddle —*vt.* **-meled** or **-melled**, **-mel·ing** or **-mel·ling** PUMMEL

pomp (pämp) *n.* [< Gr *pompē*, solemn procession] **1** stately display **2** ostentatious show or display

pom·pa·dour (päm'pə dôr') *n.* [after Mme. *Pompadour*, mistress of Louis XV] a hairdo in which the hair is brushed up high from the forehead

pom·pa·no (päm'pə nō') *n., pl.* **-no'** or **-nos'** [< Sp] a food fish of North America and the West Indies

pom·pom (päm'päm') *n.* [see POMP] an ornamental tuft of silk, etc., used on clothing, etc. or waved as by a cheerleader: also **pom'pon'** (-pän')

pom·pous (päm'pəs) *adj.* pretentious; self-important —**pom·pos'i·ty** (-päs'ə tē) *n.*

pon·cho (pän'chō) *n., pl.* **-chos** [AmSp < AmInd, woolen cloth] a cloak like a blanket with a hole in the middle for the head, esp. a waterproof one worn as a raincoat

pond (pänd) *n.* [< ME *pounde*, enclosure] a body of water smaller than a lake

pon·der (pän'dər) *vt., vi.* [< L *ponderare*, weigh] to think deeply (about); consider carefully

pon·der·o·sa (pine) (pän'dər ō'sə) [< L *ponderosus*, very heavy] a yellow pine of W North America

pon'der·ous *adj.* **1** very heavy **2** unwieldy **3** labored and dull

pone (pōn) *n.* [< AmInd] [Chiefly South] corn bread in the form of small ovals

pon·gee (pän jē', pun-) *n.* [< Mandarin Chin dial. *pen-chi*, one's own loom] a soft, thin silk cloth, usually left in its natural light-brown color

pon·iard (pän'yərd) *n.* [ult. < L *pugnus*, fist] a dagger

pon·tiff (pänt'if) *n.* [< L *pontifex*, high priest] **1** a bishop **2** [**P-**] the pope

pon·tif·i·cal (pän tif'i kəl) *adj.* [see prec.] **1** having to do with a bishop, the pope, etc. **2** pompous, dogmatic, etc.

pon·tif'i·cate (-i kit; *for v.*, -kāt') *n.* the office or term of a pontiff —*vi.* **-cat'ed, -cat'ing** **1** to officiate as a pontiff **2** to be pompous or dogmatic

pon·toon (pän tōōn') *n.* [< L *pons*, a bridge] **1** a flat-bottomed boat **2** any of a row of boats or floating objects used to support a temporary bridge **3** a float on an aircraft's landing gear

po·ny (pō'nē) *n., pl.* **-nies** [prob. < L *pullus*, foal] **1** a horse of any small breed **2** a small liqueur glass **3** [Inf.] a literal translation of a foreign work, used in doing schoolwork

po'ny·tail' *n.* a hair style in which the hair is tied tightly at the back and hangs down

pooch (pōōch) *n.* [< ?] [Slang] a dog

poo·dle (pōōd'l) *n.* [Ger *pudel*] a dog with a thick, wiry coat of tight curls in a solid color

pooh (pōō) *interj.* used to express disdain, disbelief, or impatience

pooh-pooh (pōō'pōō') *vt.* to treat disdainfully; make light of

pool[1] (pōōl) *n.* [OE *pol*] **1** a small pond **2** a small collection of liquid, as a puddle **3** a tank for swimming

pool[2] (pōōl) *n.* [< LL *pulla*, hen] **1** a game related to billiards, played on a table with six pockets **2** a combination of resources, funds, supplies, etc. for some common purpose **3** the parties forming such a combination —*vt., vi.* to contribute to a common fund

poop[1] (pōōp) *n.* [< L *puppis*, stern of a ship] a raised deck at the stern of a sailing ship: also **poop deck**

poop[2] (pōōp) *vt.* [Slang] to tire

poop[3] (pōōp) *n.* [Slang] current inside information

poor (poor) *adj.* [< L *pauper*, poor] **1** having little or no means to support oneself; needy **2** lacking in some quality; specif., *a)* inadequate *b)* inferior or worthless *c)* contemptible **3** worthy of pity; unfortunate —**the poor** poor, or needy, people —**poor'ly** *adv.*

poor'house' *n.* [Historical] a publicly supported institution for paupers

poor'-mouth' *vi.* [Inf.] to complain about one's lack of money

pop[1] (päp) *n.* [echoic] **1** a sudden, light explosive sound **2** any carbonated, nonalcoholic beverage —*vi.* **popped**,

pop′ping 1 to make, or burst with, a pop 2 to move, go, etc. suddenly 3 to open wide or bulge: said of the eyes 4 *Baseball* to hit the ball high into the infield —***vt.*** 1 to cause to pop, as corn by heating it 2 to put suddenly *[to pop one's head in]* 3 [Slang] to swallow (a pill, etc.) —**pop′per** ***n.***

pop[2] (päp) ***n.*** ‖< PAPA‖ [Inf.] FATHER

pop[3] (päp) ***adj.*** 1 of music popular with the general public 2 intended for the popular taste, esp. as exploited commercially *[pop culture]* 3 of a realistic art style using techniques and subjects adapted from commercial art, comic strips, posters, etc. —***n.*** pop music, etc.

pop *abbrev.* 1 popular 2 popularly 3 population

pop′corn′ ***n.*** 1 a variety of corn with hard grains that pop open into a white, puffy mass when heated 2 the popped grains

pope (pōp) ***n.*** ‖< Gr *pappas*, father‖ [*often* **P-**] *R.C.Ch.* the bishop of Rome and head of the Church

Pope (pōp), **Alexander** 1688-1744; Eng. poet

pop′gun′ ***n.*** a toy gun that shoots a piece of cork, etc. by air compression, with a pop

pop·in·jay (päp′in jā′) ***n.*** ‖< Ar *babghō'*, a parrot‖ a conceited person

pop·lar (päp′lər) ***n.*** ‖< L *populus*‖ 1 a tall tree of the willow family having soft wood 2 its wood

pop·lin (päp′lin) ***n.*** ‖prob. after *Poperinge*, city in Flanders‖ a sturdy ribbed fabric of cotton, silk, etc.

pop′o′ver ***n.*** a very light, puffy, hollow muffin

pop·py (päp′ē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-pies** ‖< L *papaver*‖ 1 a plant with a milky juice and variously colored flowers 2 its flower

pop′py·cock′ (-käk′) ***n.*** [Inf.] foolish talk; nonsense

poppy seed the small, dark seed of the poppy, used in baking, etc.

pops (päps) ***adj.*** of a symphony orchestra that plays light classical music or arrangements of popular music —***n.*** a pops orchestra, concert, etc.

Pop·si·cle (päp′si kəl) ‖blend of POP[1] + I(CICLE)‖ *trademark for* a flavored ice frozen around a stick —***n.*** [*also* **p-**] such a confection

pop-top (päp′täp′) ***n.*** a container with a tab or ring pulled or pushed to make an opening in the top

pop·u·lace (päp′yə lis) ***n.*** ‖< L *populus*‖ 1 the common people; the masses 2 POPULATION (sense 1*a*)

pop·u·lar (päp′yə lər) ***adj.*** ‖< L *populus*, the people‖ 1 of, carried on by, or intended for people generally 2 not expensive *[popular prices]* 3 commonly accepted; prevalent 4 liked by many people —**pop′u·lar′i·ty** (-lar′ə tē) ***n.*** —**pop′u·lar·ly** ***adv.***

pop·u·lar·ize (päp′yə lə rīz′) ***vt.*** **-ized′**, **-iz′ing** to make popular —**pop′u·lar·i·za′tion** ***n.***

pop′u·late′ (-lāt′) ***vt.*** **-lat′ed**, **-lat′ing** ‖< L *populus*, the people‖ 1 to inhabit 2 to supply with inhabitants

pop′u·la′tion ***n.*** 1 *a*) all the people in a country, region, etc. *b*) the number of these 2 a populating or being populated

population explosion the great and rapid increase in human population in modern times

pop·u·list (päp′yə list) ***n.*** a politician, etc. who claims to represent the common people: often used to suggest demagogy —***adj.*** of a populist —**pop′u·lism′** ***n.***

pop′u·lous (-ləs) ***adj.*** full of people; thickly populated

por·ce·lain (pôr′sə lin) ***n.*** ‖< It *porcellana*‖ a hard, white, translucent variety of ceramic ware

porch (pôrch) ***n.*** ‖< L *porta*, gate‖ 1 a covered entrance to a building 2 an open or enclosed gallery or room on the outside of a building

por·cine (pôr′sīn′, -sin) ***adj.*** ‖< L *porcus*, hog‖ of or like pigs or hogs

por·cu·pine (pôr′kyə pīn′) ***n.*** ‖< L *porcus*, pig + *spina*, spine‖ a rodent having coarse hair mixed with long, stiff, sharp spines

pore[1] (pôr) ***vi.*** **pored**, **por′ing** ‖ME *poren*‖ 1 to study carefully: with *over* 2 to ponder: with *over*

pore[2] (pôr) ***n.*** ‖< Gr *poros*, passage‖ a tiny opening, as in skin or plant leaves, for absorbing or discharging fluids

pork (pôrk) ***n.*** ‖< L *porcus*, pig‖ the flesh of a pig, used as food

pork barrel [Inf.] government appropriations for political patronage

pork′y ***adj.*** **-i·er**, **-i·est** 1 of or like pork 2 fat 3 [Slang] saucy, cocky, etc.

porn (pôrn) ***n.***, ***adj.*** [Slang] *short for* PORNOGRAPHY, PORNOGRAPHIC: also **por·no** (pôr′nō)

por·nog·ra·phy (pôr näg′rə fē) ***n.*** ‖< Gr *pornē*, a prostitute + *graphein*, write‖ writings, pictures, etc. intended to arouse sexual desire —**por·nog′ra·pher** ***n.*** —**por′no·graph′ic** (-nə graf′ik) ***adj.***

po·rous (pôr′əs) ***adj.*** full of pores, through which fluids, air, or light may pass —**po·ros·i·ty** (pō räs′ə tē) ***n.***

por·phy·ry (pôr′fə rē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ries** ‖< Gr *porphyros*, purple‖ any igneous rock with large, distinct crystals

por·poise (pôr′pəs) ***n.*** ‖< L *porcus*, pig + *piscis*, a fish‖ 1 a small whale with a blunt snout 2 a dolphin

por·ridge (pôr′ij) ***n.*** ‖< POTTAGE by confusion with VL *porrata*, leek broth‖ [Chiefly Brit.] a soft food of cereal or meal boiled in water or milk

por′rin·ger (-in jər) ***n.*** ‖< Fr *potager*, soup dish: infl. by prec.‖ a small, shallow bowl

port[1] (pôrt) ***n.*** ‖< L *portus*, haven‖ 1 a harbor 2 a city with a harbor where ships load and unload cargo

port[2] (pôrt) ***n.*** ‖after *Oporto*, city in Portugal‖ a sweet, dark-red wine

port[3] (pôrt) ***vt.*** ‖< L *portare*, carry‖ to hold (a rifle, etc.) diagonally in front of one, as for inspection

port[4] (pôrt) ***n.*** [< PORT[1]] the left side of a ship, etc. as one faces forward —***adj.*** of or on this side

port[5] (pôrt) ***n.*** [< L *porta*, door] **1** PORTHOLE **2** an opening, as in a valve face, for the passage of steam, etc. **3** *Comput.* the circuit, outlet, etc. which connects a computer and its peripheral

Port *abbrev.* **1** Portugal **2** Portuguese

port·a·ble (pôr′tə bəl) ***adj.*** [< L *portare*, carry] **1** that can be carried **2** easily carried —***n.*** something portable —**port′a·bil′i·ty** ***n.***

por·tage (pôr′tij, pôr täzh′) ***n.*** [< L *portare*, carry] **1** a carrying of boats and supplies overland between navigable lakes, rivers, etc. **2** any route over which this is done —***vt.***, ***vi.*** **-taged**, **-tag·ing** to carry (boats, etc.) over a portage

por·tal (pôrt′l) ***n.*** [< L *porta*, door] a doorway, gate, or entrance

port·cul·lis (pôrt kul′is) ***n.*** [< MFr *porte*, gate + *coleïce*, sliding] a heavy iron grating lowered to bar the gateway of a castle or fortified town

por·tend (pôr tend′) ***vt.*** [< L *por-*, forth + *tendere*, to stretch] **1** to be an omen of; presage **2** to signify

por·tent (pôr′tent′) ***n.*** **1** something that portends an event **2** significance

por·ten·tous (pôr ten′təs) ***adj.*** **1** portending evil; ominous **2** amazing **3** pompous; self-important —**por·ten′tous·ly** ***adv.***

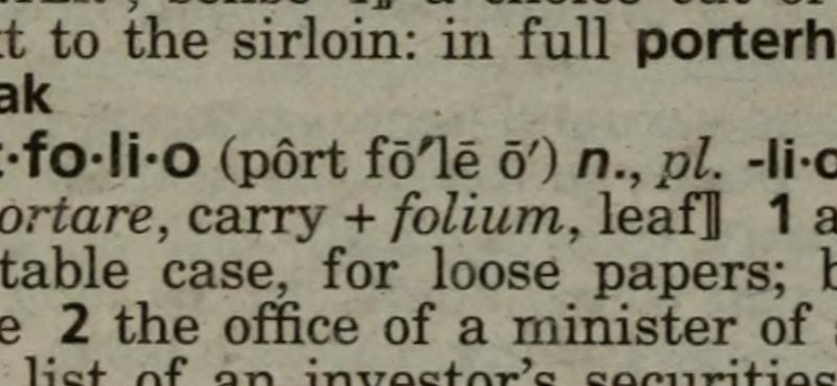
por·ter[1] (pôr′tər) ***n.*** [< L *porta*, gate] a doorman or gatekeeper

por·ter[2] (pôr′tər) ***n.*** [< L *portare*, carry] **1** one who carries luggage, etc. for hire **2** an employee who sweeps, cleans, etc. in a bank, store, etc. **3** a railroad attendant for passengers as on a sleeper **4** a dark-brown beer

por′ter·house′ ***n.*** [orig. a tavern: see PORTER[2], sense 4] a choice cut of beef next to the sirloin: in full **porterhouse steak**

port·fo·li·o (pôrt fō′lē ō′) ***n.***, *pl.* **-li·os′** [< L *portare*, carry + *folium*, leaf] **1** a flat, portable case, for loose papers; briefcase **2** the office of a minister of state **3** a list of an investor's securities **4** a selection from an artist's, etc. work

port·hole (pôrt′hōl′) ***n.*** an opening in a ship's side to admit light and air



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por·ti·co (pôr′ti kō′) ***n.***, *pl.* **-coes′** or **-cos′** [< L *porticus*, porch] a porch or covered walk, consisting of a roof supported by columns.

por·tiere or **por·tière** (pôr tyer′) ***n.*** [Fr < *porte*, door] a curtain hung in a doorway

por′tion (-shən) ***n.*** [< L *portio*] **1** a part, esp. that allotted to a person; share **2** one's fate **3** a helping of food —***vt.*** to give out in portions

Port·land (pôrt′lənd) city & port in NW Oregon: pop. 439,000

port·ly (pôrt′lē) ***adj.*** **-li·er**, **-li·est** **1** large and stately **2** stout; corpulent —**port′li·ness** ***n.***

port·man·teau (pôrt man′tō) ***n.***, *pl.* **-teaus** or **-teaux** (-tōz) [< Fr *porter*, carry + *manteau*, cloak] a stiff suitcase that opens into two compartments

portmanteau word a word that is a combination of two other words (Ex.: *smog*, from *smoke* and *fog*)

por·to·bel·lo mushroom (pôr′tə bel′ō) a dark, flavorful mushroom with a broad cap: also **portobello** ***n.***, *pl.* **-los**

port of entry a place where customs officials check people and goods entering a country

Por·to Ri·co (pôr′tə rē′kō) *former var. of* PUERTO RICO —**Por′to Ri′can**

por·trait (pôr′trit, -trāt′) ***n.*** [see PORTRAY] **1** a painting, photograph, etc. of a person, esp. of the face **2** a description, portrayal, etc.

por′trai·ture (-tri chər) ***n.*** the practice or art of portraying

por·tray (pôr trā′) ***vt.*** [< L *pro-*, forth + *trahere*, draw] **1** to make a portrait of **2** to describe graphically **3** to play the part of as in a play or movie —**por·tray′al** ***n.***

Por·tu·gal (pôr′chə gəl) country in SW Europe, on the Atlantic: 35,456 sq. mi.; pop. 9,863,000

Por·tu·guese (pôr′chə gēz′, -gēs′) ***adj.*** of Portugal or its people, language, etc. —***n.*** **1** *pl.* **-guese′** a person born or living in Portugal **2** a Romance language of Portugal and Brazil

por·tu·lac·a (pôr′chə lak′ə) ***n.*** [< L *portula*, small door: from the opening in its seed capsule] a fleshy plant with yellow, pink, or purple flowers

pose (pōz) ***vt.*** **posed**, **pos′ing** [< L *pausare*, to stop] **1** to propose (a question, etc.) **2** to put (a model, etc.) in a certain attitude —***vi.*** **1** to assume a certain attitude, as in modeling for an artist **2** to strike attitudes for effect **3** set oneself up (*as*) *[to pose as an officer]* —***n.*** **1** a bodily attitude, esp. one held for an artist, etc. **2** a way of behaving assumed for effect

Po·sei·don (pō sī′dən) ***n.*** the Greek god of the sea

pos·er (pō′zər) ***n.*** one who poses; esp., a poseur

po·seur (pō zʉr′) ***n.*** [Fr] one who assumes attitudes or manners merely for effect

posh (päsh) ***adj.*** [< ?] [Inf.] luxurious and fashionable

pos·it (päz′it) ***vt.*** [see fol.] to suppose to be a fact; postulate

po·si·tion (pə zish′ən) ***n.*** [< L *ponere*, to place] **1** the way in which a person or

thing is placed or arranged **2** one's attitude or opinion **3** the place where one is; location **4** the usual or proper place **5** rank, esp. high rank **6** a post of employment; job —***vt.*** to put into a certain position

pos·i·tive (päz′ə tiv) ***adj.*** [see prec.] **1** definitely set; explicit *[positive* instructions*]* **2** *a*) having the mind set; confident *b*) overconfident or dogmatic **3** showing agreement; affirmative **4** constructive *[positive* criticism*]* **5** regarded as having real existence *[*a *positive* good*]* **6** based on facts *[positive* proof*]* **7** *Elec. a*) of the kind of electricity predominating in a glass body after it has been rubbed with silk *b*) charged with positive electricity *c*) having a deficiency of electrons **8** *Gram.* of an adjective or adverb in its uncompared degree **9** *Math.* greater than zero **10** *Med.* showing the presence of a condition, infection, etc. **11** *Photog.* with the light and shade corresponding to those of the subject —***n.*** **1** something positive, as a degree, quality, quantity, photographic print, etc. **2** the plate in a battery having an excess of electrons flowing out toward the negative —**pos′i·tive·ly** ***adv.***

pos′i·tron′ (-trän′) ***n.*** [POSI(TIVE) + (ELEC)TRON] the positive antiparticle of an electron, having the same mass and magnitude of charge

poss *abbrev.* **1** possessive **2** possibly

pos·se (päs′ē) ***n.*** [< L, be able] [Historical] a band of men, usually armed, summoned to assist the sheriff in keeping the peace, etc.

pos·sess (pə zes′) ***vt.*** [< L *possidere*] **1** to have as belonging to one; own **2** to have as an attribute, quality, etc. **3** to gain control over *[possessed* by an idea*]* —**pos·ses′sor** ***n.***

pos·sessed′ ***adj.*** **1** owned **2** controlled, as if by a demon; crazed

pos·ses′sion (-zesh′ən) ***n.*** **1** a possessing or being possessed **2** anything possessed **3** [*pl.*] property **4** territory ruled by an outside country

pos·ses′sive (-zes′iv) ***adj.*** **1** of possession **2** showing or desiring possession, domination, control, influence, etc. **3** *Gram.* designating or of a case, form, or construction expressing possession (Ex: *my, Bill's*) —***n.*** *Gram.* **1** the possessive case **2** a word or phrase in this case —**pos·ses′sive·ness** ***n.***

pos·si·ble (päs′ə bəl) ***adj.*** [< L *posse*, be able] **1** that can be or exist **2** that may or may not happen **3** that can be done, selected, etc. **4** permissible —**pos′si·bil′i·ty** (-bil′ə tē), *pl.* **-ties**, ***n.***

pos′si·bly (-blē) ***adv.*** **1** by any possible means **2** perhaps; maybe

pos·sum (päs′əm) ***n.*** [Inf.] OPOSSUM — **play possum** to pretend to be asleep, dead, ill, etc.

post[1] (pōst) ***n.*** [< L *postis*] **1** a piece of wood, metal, etc. set upright to support a building, sign, etc. **2** the starting point of a horse race —***vt.*** **1** to put up (a poster, etc.) on (a wall, etc.) **2** to announce by posting notices *[*to *post* a reward*]* **3** to warn against trespassing on by posted notices **4** to put (a name) on a posted or published list

post[2] (pōst) ***n.*** [< Fr < It *posto*] **1** the place where a soldier, guard, etc. is stationed **2** a place where troops are garrisoned **3** the place assigned to one **4** a job or duty —***vt.*** **1** to assign to a post **2** to put up (a bond, etc.)

post[3] (pōst) ***n.*** [< Fr < It *posta*] [Chiefly Brit.] (the) mail —***vi.*** to travel fast; hasten —***vt.*** **1** [Chiefly Brit.] to mail **2** to inform *[*keep me *posted]*

post- [L < *post*, after] *prefix* **1** after in time, later (than) *[postnatal]* **2** after in space, behind

post·age (pōs′tij) ***n.*** the amount charged for mailing a letter, etc., esp. as represented by stamps

post·al (pōs′təl) ***adj.*** [Fr] of mail or post offices

post-bel·lum (pōst bel′əm) ***adj.*** [L] after the war; specif., after the American Civil War

post′card′ ***n.*** a card, usually with a picture on one side, for sending short messages by mail

post′date′ ***vt.*** **-dat′ed**, **-dat′ing** **1** to assign a later date to than the actual date **2** to be subsequent to

post·er (pōs′tər) ***n.*** a large advertisement or notice posted publicly

pos·te·ri·or (päs tir′ē ər) ***adj.*** [L < *post*, after] **1** later; following **2** at the rear; behind —***n.*** the buttocks

pos·ter·i·ty (päs ter′ə tē) ***n.*** [see prec.] **1** all of a person's descendants **2** all succeeding generations

post′grad′u·ate ***adj.*** of or taking a course of study after graduation, esp. after receipt of the bachelor's degree

post′haste′ ***adv.*** with great haste

post′hole′ ***n.*** a hole dug to hold the end of an upright post

post·hu·mous (päs′chōō məs, -tyōō-) ***adj.*** [< L *postumus*, last] **1** published after the author's death **2** arising or continuing after one's death —**post′hu·mous·ly** ***adv.***

post′hyp·not′ic ***adj.*** in the time after a hypnotic trance *[posthypnotic* suggestion*]*

pos·til·ion or **pos·til·lion** (pōs til′yən, päs-) ***n.*** [Fr < It *posta*, a post] one who rides the leading left-hand horse of a team drawing a carriage

post′in·dus′tri·al ***adj.*** of a society in which the economy has shifted from heavy industry to service industries, technology, etc.

Post′-it′ *trademark for* small sheets of adhesive-backed paper for attaching notes —***n.*** a sheet of this

post·lude (pōst′lōōd′) ***n.*** [POST- + (PRE)LUDE] a concluding musical piece

post′man (-mən) ***n.*** *pl.* **-men** (-mən) MAIL CARRIER

post′mark′ ***n.*** a post-office mark stamped on mail, canceling the postage stamp and recording the date and place —***vt.*** to stamp with a postmark

post′mas′ter ***n.*** the manager of a post office

postmaster general *pl.* **postmasters general** the head of a government's

postal system

post′me·rid′i·an (-mə rid′ē ən) ***adj.*** [L] after noon

post meridiem (mə rid′ē əm) [L] after noon: abbrev. *P.M.*, *p.m.*, *PM*, or *pm*

post′mod′ern·ism′ ***n.*** an eclectic cultural and artistic trend in art, etc. of the late 20th c. —**post′mod′ern** ***adj.*** —**post′mod′ern·ist** ***adj.***, ***n.***

post-mor·tem (pōst′môr′təm) ***adj.*** [L] **1** after death **2** of a post-mortem —***n.*** **1** AUTOPSY **2** an evaluation of some event just ended

post·na·sal drip (pōst′nā′zəl) a discharge of mucus from behind the nose onto the pharynx, due to a cold, allergy, etc.

post′na′tal (-nāt′l) ***adj.*** after birth

post office **1** the governmental department in charge of the mail **2** a place where mail is sorted, postage stamps are sold, etc.

post′op′er·a·tive (-äp′ər ə tiv) ***adj.*** occurring after a surgical operation

post′paid′ ***adj.*** with postage prepaid

post′par′tum (-pär′təm) ***adj.*** [L < *post-*, after + *parere*, to bear] of the time after childbirth

post·pone (pōst pōn′) ***vt.*** **-poned′**, **-pon′ing** [< L *post-*, after + *ponere*, put] to put off until later; delay —**post·pone′ment** ***n.***

post′script′ ***n.*** [< L *post-*, after + *scribere*, write] a note added below the signature in a letter

post time the scheduled starting time of a horse race

pos·tu·late (päs′chə lāt′; *for n.*, -lit) ***vt.*** **-lat′ed**, **-lat′ing** [< L *postulare*, to demand] to assume to be true, real, etc., esp. as a basis for argument —***n.*** something postulated

pos·ture (päs′chər) ***n.*** [MFr < L *ponere*, to place] **1** the position or carriage of the body **2** a position assumed as in posing **3** an official stand or position *[our national posture]* —***vi.*** to pose or assume an attitude merely for effect

post′war′ ***adj.*** after the (or a) war

po·sy (pō′zē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-sies** [< POESY] [Old-fashioned] a flower or bouquet

pot[1] (pät) ***n.*** [OE *pott*] **1** a round vessel for holding liquids, for cooking, etc. **2** a pot with its contents **3** [Inf.] all the money bet at a single time —***vt.*** **pot′ted**, **pot′ting** to put into a pot —**go to pot** to go to ruin —**pot′ful′**, *pl.* **-fuls′**, ***n.***

pot[2] (pät) ***n.*** [< AmSp *potiguaya*] [Slang] MARIJUANA

po·ta·ble (pōt′ə bəl) ***adj.*** [< L *potare*, to drink] drinkable —***n.*** a beverage —**po′ta·bil′i·ty** ***n.***

pot′ash′ ***n.*** [< Du *pot*, POT[1] + *asch*, ASH[1]] any of various potassium compounds used in fertilizers, soaps, etc.

po·tas·si·um (pə tas′ē əm) ***n.*** [see prec.] a soft, silver-white, metallic chemical element

po·ta·to (pə tāt′ō) ***n.***, *pl.* **-toes** [< WInd] **1** the starchy tuber of a widely cultivated plant, eaten as a cooked vegetable **2** this plant

potato chip a very thin slice of potato fried crisp and then salted

pot′bel′lied ***adj.*** **1** having a potbelly **2** having bulging sides *[a potbellied stove]*

pot′bel′ly ***n.***, *pl.* **-lies′** a protruding belly

pot′boil′er ***n.*** a piece of writing, etc., done quickly and for money only

pot′-bound′ ***adj.*** having outgrown its container: said of a potted plant

po·tent (pōt′′nt) ***adj.*** [< L *posse*, be able] **1** having authority or power **2** convincing; cogent **3** effective, as a drug **4** able to have sexual intercourse: said of a male —**po′ten·cy** ***n.***

po·ten·tate (pōt′′n tāt′) ***n.*** a person having great power; ruler; monarch

po·ten·tial (pō ten′shəl) ***adj.*** [see POTENT] that can come into being; possible; latent —***n.*** **1** something potential **2** the difference in voltage between two points in an electric circuit or field —**po·ten′ti·al′i·ty** (-shē al′ə tē), *pl.* **-ties**, ***n.*** —**po·ten′tial·ly** ***adv.***

pot′herb′ ***n.*** any herb whose leaves and stems are boiled and eaten or used as a flavoring

pot′hold′er ***n.*** a small pad, or piece of thick cloth, for handling hot pots, etc.

pot′hole′ ***n.*** **1** a deep hole or pit **2** CHUCKHOLE

pot′hook′ ***n.*** an S-shaped hook for hanging a pot over a fire

po·tion (pō′shən) ***n.*** [< L *potare*, to drink] a drink as of medicine, poison, or a supposedly magic substance

pot′luck′ ***n.*** **1** whatever the family meal happens to be *[to take potluck]* **2** a dinner to which everyone brings a dish to share: in full **potluck dinner**

Po·to·mac (pə tō′mək) river in the E U.S., flowing into Chesapeake Bay

pot′pie′ ***n.*** a meat pie made in a deep dish

pot·pour·ri (pō′poo rē′, pät′poo rē′) ***n.*** [Fr < *pot*, a pot + *pourrir*, to rot] **1** a mixture of dried flowers, spices, etc., kept for its fragrance **2** a medley or miscellany; mixture

pot roast a large cut of beef cooked in one piece by braising

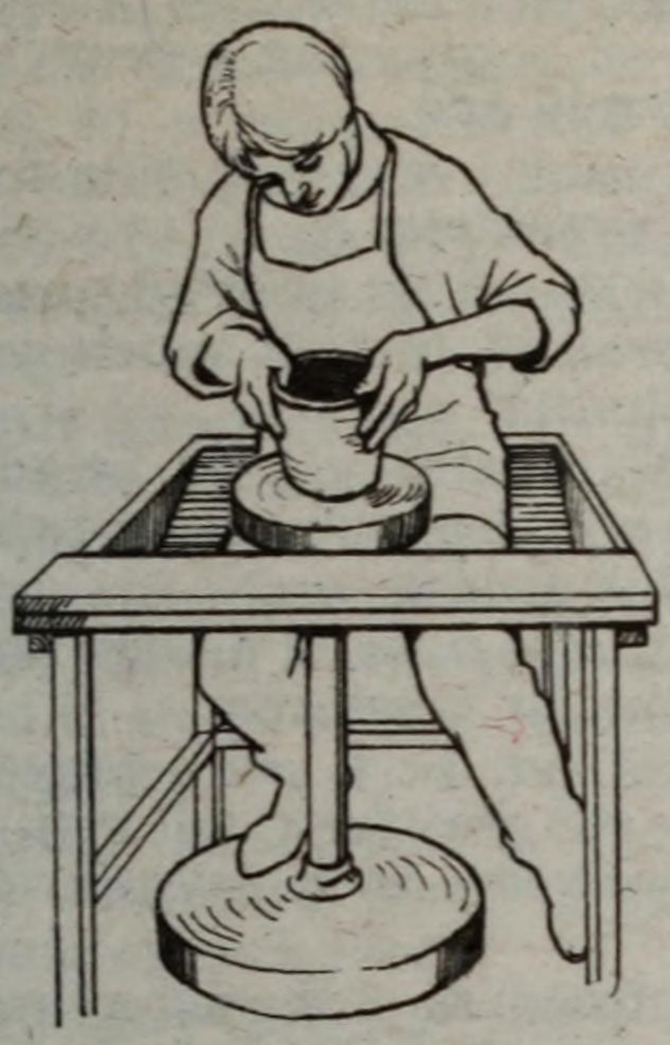
pot·sherd (pät′shurd′) ***n.*** [see POT[1] & SHARD] a piece of broken pottery

pot′shot′ ***n.*** **1** an easy or random shot **2** a haphazard try **3** a random attack

pot·tage (pät′ij) ***n.*** [< earlier Fr *pot*, a pot] a kind of thick soup or stew

pot′ter ***n.*** one who makes earthenware pots, dishes, etc.

potter's field a burial ground for paupers or unknown persons



POTTER'S WHEEL

potter's wheel a rotating disk upon which clay is molded into bowls, etc.

pot'ter·y *n.*, *pl.* **-ies** **1** a potter's workshop **2** the art of a potter; ceramics **3** pots, dishes, etc. made of clay hardened by heat

pot·ty (pät'ē) *n.*, *pl.* **-ties** **1** a small pot used as a toilet for a child **2** a child's chair for toilet training with such a pot: in full **potty chair** **3** a toilet: a child's word

pouch (pouch) *n.* [< earlier Fr *poche*] **1** a small bag or sack *[a tobacco pouch]* **2** a mailbag **3** a saclike structure, as that on the abdomen of the kangaroo, etc. for carrying young —*vi.* to form a pouch

poul·tice (pōl'tis) *n.* [< ML *pultes*, pap] a hot, soft, moist mass applied to a sore part of the body —*vt.* **-ticed**, **-tic·ing** to apply a poultice to

poul·try (pōl'trē) *n.* [< L *pullus*, chicken] domestic fowls; chickens, ducks, etc.

pounce (pouns) *n.* [ME *pounce*, talon] a pouncing —*vi.* **pounced**, **pounc'ing** to swoop down or leap (*on*, *upon*, or *at*) in, or as in, seizing

pound[1] (pound) *n.*, *pl.* **pounds**; sometimes, after a number, **pound** [< L *pondus*, weight] **1** a unit of weight equal to 16 oz. avoirdupois or 12 oz. troy: abbrev. *lb.* **2** the monetary unit of the United Kingdom: symbol, £ **3** the monetary unit of various other countries, as Egypt and Syria

pound[2] (pound) *vt.* [OE *punian*] **1** to beat to a pulp, powder, etc. **2** to hit hard —*vi.* **1** to deliver repeated, heavy blows (*at* or *on*) **2** to move with heavy steps **3** to throb

pound[3] (pound) *n.* [< OE *pund-*] a municipal enclosure for stray animals *[a dog pound]*

pound'cake' *n.* a rich cake made (orig. with a pound each) of flour, butter, sugar, etc.

pound sign a symbol (#) on a button on a telephone keypad

pour (pôr) *vt.* [ME *pouren*] **1** to cause to flow in a continuous stream **2** to emit, utter, etc. profusely or steadily —*vi.* **1** to flow freely, continuously, etc. **2** to rain heavily

pout (pout) *vi.* [ME *pouten*] **1** to thrust out the lips, as in sullenness **2** to sulk —*n.* the act of pouting —**pout'er** *n.*

pov·er·ty (päv'ər tē) *n.* [< L *pauper*, poor] **1** the condition or quality of being poor; need **2** deficiency; inadequacy **3** scarcity

pov'er·ty-strick'en *adj.* very poor

POW *n.*, *pl.* **POW's** prisoner of war

pow·der (pou'dər) *n.* [< L *pulvis*, dust] **1** any dry substance in the form of fine, dustlike particles, produced by crushing, grinding, etc. **2** a specific kind of powder *[bath powder]* —*vt.* **1** to sprinkle, etc. with powder **2** to make into powder —**pow'der·y** *adj.*

powder keg **1** a keg for gunpowder **2** a potential source of violence, war, etc.

powder room a lavatory for women

pow·er (pou'ər) *n.* [ult. < L *posse*, be able] **1** ability to do or act **2** vigor; force; strength **3** *a)* authority; influence *b)* legal authority **4** physical force or energy *[electric power]* **5** a person or thing having great influence, force, or authority **6** a nation with influence over other nations **7** the product of the multiplication of a quantity by itself **8** the degree of magnification of a lens —*vt.* to supply with a source of power —*adj.* **1** operated by electricity, a fuel engine, etc. *[power tools]* **2** served by an auxiliary system that reduces effort *[power steering]* **3** carrying electricity

pow'er·ful *adj.* strong, mighty, influential, etc. —**pow'er·ful·ly** *adv.*

pow'er·house' *n.* **1** a building where electric power is generated **2** [Inf.] a powerful person, team, etc.

pow·er·less (pou'ər lis) *adj.* without power; weak, unable, etc. —**pow'er·less·ly** *adv.*

power of attorney written legal authority for one person to act for another

pow'er·train' *n.* DRIVETRAIN

pow·wow (pou'wou') *n.* [< AmInd] **1** a conference of or with North American Indians **2** [Inf.] any conference

pox (päks) *n.* [for *pocks*: see POCK] **1** a disease characterized by skin eruptions, as smallpox **2** syphilis: with *the*

pp *abbrev.* **1** pages **2** parcel post **3** past participle **4** postpaid **5** prepaid Also, for 4 & 5, **ppd**

PP *abbrev.* parcel post

PPO *n.*, *pl.* **PPO's** [*p*(*referred*) *p*(*rovider*) *o*(*rganization*)] a healthcare system having certain hospitals, doctors, etc. under contract at a reduced cost

ppr *abbrev.* present participle

P.P.S., p.p.s., PPS, or **pps** *abbrev.* [L *post postscriptum*] an additional postscript

pr *abbrev.* **1** pair(s) **2** price

Pr *abbrev.* Provençal

PR or **P.R.** *abbrev.* **1** public relations **2** Puerto Rico

prac·ti·ca·ble (prak'ti kə bəl) *adj.* **1** that can be put into practice; feasible **2** that can be used; useful —**prac'ti·ca·**

bil'i·ty *n.* —**prac'ti·ca·bly** *adv.*

prac·ti·cal (prak'ti kəl) ***adj.*** **1** of or obtained through practice or action **2** useful **3** concerned with the application of knowledge to useful ends *[practical* science*]* **4** dealing realistically and sensibly with everyday matters **5** that is so in practice, if not in theory, law, etc. —**prac'ti·cal'i·ty** (-kal'ə tē), *pl.* **-ties**, ***n.***

practical joke a trick played on someone in fun —**practical joker**

prac·ti·cal·ly (prak'tik lē, -tik ə lē) ***adv.*** **1** in a practical manner **2** from a practical viewpoint **3** in effect; virtually **4** [Inf.] nearly

practical nurse a nurse with less training than a registered nurse, often one licensed by a U.S. state (**licensed practical nurse**) for specified duties

prac·tice (prak'tis) ***vt.*** **-ticed**, **-tic·ing** [< Gr *prassein*, do] **1** to do or engage in frequently; make a habit of **2** to do repeatedly so as to become proficient **3** to work at, esp. as a profession —***vi.*** to do something repeatedly so as to become proficient; drill Chiefly Brit. sp. **prac'tise** —***n.*** **1** a practicing; habit, custom, etc. **2** *a*) repeated action to acquire proficiency *b*) proficiency so acquired **3** the actual doing of something **4** *a*) the exercise of a profession *b*) a business based on this

prac'ticed ***adj.*** experienced; skilled

prac·ti·cum (prak'ti kəm) ***n.*** [see PRACTICE] a course involving activities emphasizing the practical application of theory, as on-the-job experience in a field of study

prac·ti·tion·er (prak tish'ə nər) ***n.*** one who practices a profession

Prae·to·ri·an (prē tôr'ē ən) ***adj.*** [< L *praetor*, magistrate] of or belonging to the bodyguard (**Praetorian Guard**) of a Roman emperor

prag·mat·ic (prag mat'ik) ***adj.*** [< Gr *pragma*, thing done] **1** practical **2** testing the validity of all concepts by their practical results —**prag·mat'i·cal·ly** ***adv.*** —**prag'ma·tism'** (-mə tiz'əm) ***n.*** —**prag'ma·tist** ***n.***

Prague (präg) capital of the Czech Republic: pop. 1,217,000

prai·rie (prer'ē) ***n.*** [Fr < L *pratum*, meadow] a large area of level or rolling, grassy land

prairie dog a small, burrowing rodent of North America

prairie schooner a box-shaped covered wagon

praise (prāz) ***vt.*** **praised**, **prais'ing** [< L *pretium*, worth, price] **1** to express approval or admiration of **2** to glorify (God, etc.), as in song —***n.*** a praising or being praised; commendation

praise'wor'thy ***adj.*** worthy of praise —**praise'wor'thi·ly** ***adv.*** —**praise'wor'thi·ness** ***n.***

pra·line (prā'lēn', prä'-) ***n.*** [Fr] any of various soft or crisp candies made of nuts, sugar, etc.

prance (prans) ***vi.*** **pranced**, **pranc'ing** [< ?] **1** to rise up, or move along, on the hind legs, as a horse does **2** to caper or strut —***n.*** a prancing —**pranc'er** ***n.*** —**pranc'ing·ly** ***adv.***

prank (praŋk) ***n.*** [< ?] a mischievous trick —**prank'ster** ***n.***

prate (prāt) ***vi.***, ***vt.*** **prat'ed**, **prat'ing** [< MDu *praten*] to talk much and foolishly; chatter

prat·tle (prat''l) ***vi.***, ***vt.*** **-tled**, **-tling** [LowG *pratelen*] to prate or babble —***n.*** chatter or babble

prawn (prôn) ***n.*** [< ?] a large shrimp or other similar crustacean

pray (prā) ***vt.*** [< L *prex*, prayer] **1** to implore *[(I) pray* (you) tell me*]* **2** to ask for by prayer —***vi.*** to say prayers, as to God

prayer[1] (prer) ***n.*** **1** the act of praying **2** an entreaty; supplication **3** *a*) a humble request, as to God *b*) any set formula for this **4** [*often pl.*] a devotional service chiefly of prayers **5** something prayed for —**prayer'ful** ***adj.*** —**prayer'ful·ly** ***adv.***

pray·er[2] (prā'ər) ***n.*** one who prays

praying mantis MANTIS

pre- [< L *prae*, before] *prefix* before in time, place, rank, etc.

preach (prēch) ***vi.*** [< L *prae-*, before + *dicare*, proclaim] **1** to give a religious sermon **2** to give moral advice, esp. in a tiresome manner —***vt.*** **1** to urge as by preaching **2** to deliver (a sermon) —**preach'ment** ***n.***

preach'er ***n.*** one who preaches; esp., a member of the Protestant clergy

preach'y ***adj.*** **-i·er**, **-i·est** [Inf.] given to or marked by preaching, or moralizing

pre·am·ble (prē'am'bəl) ***n.*** [< L *prae-*, before + *ambulare*, go] an introduction, esp. one to a constitution, statute, etc., stating its purpose

pre'ap·prove' (-ə prōōv') ***vt.*** **-proved'**, **-prov'ing** to authorize before an application is submitted

pre'ar·range' (-ə rānj') ***vt.*** **-ranged'**, **-rang'ing** to arrange beforehand

pre·can·cer·ous (prē kan'sər əs) ***adj.*** likely to become cancerous

pre·car·i·ous (prē ker'ē əs) ***adj.*** [see PRAY] dependent upon circumstances or chance; uncertain; risky —**pre·car'i·ous·ly** ***adv.***

pre·cau·tion (pri kô'shən) ***n.*** [< L *prae-*, before + *cavere*, take care] care taken beforehand, as against danger or failure —**pre·cau'tion·ar'y** ***adj.***

pre·cede (prē sēd') ***vt.***, ***vi.*** **-ced'ed**, **-ced'ing** [< L *prae-*, before + *cedere*, to go] to be, come, or go before in time, place, rank, etc.

prec·e·dence (pres'ə dəns; prē sēd''ns) ***n.*** the act, right, or fact of preceding in time, order, rank, etc.

prec·e·dent (pres'ə dənt) ***n.*** an act, statement, etc. that may serve as an example or justification for a later one

pre·ced'ing ***adj.*** that precedes

pre·cept (prē'sept') ***n.*** [< L *prae-*, before + *capere*, take] a rule of moral conduct; maxim

pre·cep·tor (prē sep'tər) ***n.*** a teacher

pre·cinct (prē'siŋkt') ***n.*** [< L *prae-*, before + *cingere*, surround] **1** [*usually*

pl.] an enclosure between buildings, walls, etc. **2** [*pl.*] environs **3** *a*) police district *b*) a subdivision of a voting ward **4** a limited area

pre·ci·os·i·ty (presh'ē äs'ə tē, pres'-) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ties** [see fol.] affectation, esp. in language

pre·cious (presh'əs) ***adj.*** [< L *pretium*, a price] **1** of great price or value; costly **2** beloved; dear **3** very fastidious, affected, etc. —**pre'cious·ly** ***adv.***

precious stone a rare and costly gem: applied to the diamond, emerald, ruby, and sapphire

prec·i·pice (pres'i pis) ***n.*** [< L *prae-*, before + *caput*, a head] a vertical or overhanging rock face

pre·cip·i·tant (prē sip'i tənt) ***adj.*** [see prec.] PRECIPITATE

pre·cip·i·tate (prē sip'ə tāt'; *for adj. & n.*, -tit, -tāt') ***vt.*** **-tat'ed**, **-tat'ing** [see PRECIPICE] **1** to hurl downward **2** to cause to happen before expected, needed, etc. **3** *Chem.* to separate (a soluble substance) out of a solution — ***vi.*** **1** *Chem.* to be precipitated **2** *Meteorol.* to condense and fall as rain, snow, etc. —***adj.*** **1** acting or done hastily or rashly **2** very sudden or abrupt —***n.*** a substance precipitated out of a solution

pre·cip'i·ta'tion (-tā'shən) ***n.*** **1** a headlong fall or rush **2** rash haste; impetuosity **3** a bringing on suddenly **4** *Chem.* a precipitating or being precipitated from a solution **5** *Meteorol. a*) rain, snow, etc. *b*) the amount of this

pre·cip'i·tous (-təs) ***adj.*** **1** steep like a precipice **2** rash; impetuous

pré·cis (prā sē') ***n.***, *pl.* **-cis'** (-sēz') [Fr: see fol.] a concise abridgment; summary

pre·cise (prē sīs') ***adj.*** [< L *prae-*, before + *caedere*, to cut] **1** accurately stated; definite **2** minutely exact **3** strict; scrupulous; fastidious —**pre·cise'ly** ***adv.*** —**pre·cise'ness** ***n.***

pre·ci·sion (prē sizh'ən) ***n.*** the quality of being precise; exactness —***adj.*** requiring exactness *[precision* work*]*

pre·clude (prē klo͞od') ***vt.*** **-clud'ed**, **-clud'ing** [< L *prae-*, before + *claudere*, to close] to make impossible, esp. in advance; prevent —**pre·clu'sion** (-klo͞o' zhən) ***n.***

pre·co·cious (prē kō'shəs) ***adj.*** [< L *prae-*, before + *coquere*, to cook] matured earlier than usual *[a precocious* child*]* —**pre·coc'i·ty** (-käs'ə tē) ***n.***

pre·cog·ni·tion (prē'käg nish'ən) ***n.*** [see PRE- & COGNITION] *Parapsychology* the perception of an event, etc. before it occurs, esp. by extrasensory means —**pre·cog'ni·tive** (-nə tiv) ***adj.***

pre-Co·lum·bi·an (prē'kə lum'bē ən) ***adj.*** of any period in the Americas before Columbus's voyages

pre·con·ceive (prē'kən sēv') ***vt.*** **-ceived'**, **-ceiv'ing** to form (an opinion) in advance —**pre'con·cep'tion** (-sep' shən) ***n.***

pre'con·di'tion (-dish'ən) ***vt.*** to prepare (someone) to behave, react, etc. in a certain way under certain conditions —***n.*** a condition required beforehand if something else is to occur

pre·cur·sor (prē kur'sər, prē'kur'-) ***n.*** [< L *praecurrere*, run ahead] **1** a forerunner **2** a predecessor —**pre·cur'so·ry** ***adj.***

pred·a·to·ry (pred'ə tôr'ē) ***adj.*** [< L *praeda*, a prey] **1** of or living by plundering or robbing **2** preying on other animals —**pred'a·tor** (-tər) ***n.***

pre·de·cease (prē'dē sēs') ***vt.*** **-ceased'**, **-ceas'ing** to die before (someone else)

pred·e·ces·sor (pred'ə ses'ər) ***n.*** [< L *prae-*, before + *decedere*, go away] a person preceding another, as in office

pre·des·ti·na·tion (prē des'tə nā'shən) ***n.*** **1** *Theol.* the doctrine that *a*) God foreordained everything that would happen *b*) God predestines souls to salvation or to damnation **2** one's destiny

pre·des'tine (-des'tin) ***vt.*** **-tined**, **-tin·ing** to destine beforehand; foreordain

pre'de·ter'mine (-dē tur'min) ***vt.*** **-mined**, **-min·ing** to determine beforehand

pre·dic·a·ment (prē dik'ə mənt) ***n.*** [see PREACH] an unpleasant or embarrassing situation

pred·i·cate (pred'i kāt'; *for n. & adj.*, -kit) ***vt.*** **-cat'ed**, **-cat'ing** [see PREACH] **1** to affirm as a quality or attribute **2** to base (something) *on* or *upon* facts, conditions, etc. —***n.*** *Gram.* the word or words that make a statement about the subject —***adj.*** *Gram.* of a predicate — **pred'i·ca'tion** ***n.***

pre·dict (prē dikt') ***vt.***, ***vi.*** [< L *prae-*, before + *dicere*, tell] to say in advance (what one believes will happen); foretell —**pre·dict'a·ble** ***adj.*** —**pre·dic'tion** ***n.*** —**pre·dic'tor** ***n.***

pre·di·gest (prē'di jest', -dī-) ***vt.*** to treat (food) as with enzymes for easier digestion when eaten

pred·i·lec·tion (pred'ə lek'shən, prē'də-) ***n.*** [< L *prae-*, before + *diligere*, prefer] a partiality or preference (*for*)

pre·dis·pose (prē'di spōz') ***vt.*** **-posed'**, **-pos'ing** to make receptive or susceptible (*to*); incline —**pre'dis·po·si'tion** (-dis pə zish'ən) ***n.***

pre·dom·i·nant (prē däm'ə nənt) ***adj.*** **1** having authority or influence over others; superior **2** most frequent; prevailing —**pre·dom'i·nance** ***n.*** —**pre·dom'i·nant·ly** ***adv.***

pre·dom·i·nate (prē däm'ə nāt') ***vi.*** **-nat'ed**, **-nat'ing** **1** to have authority or influence (*over* others) **2** to be dominant in amount, number, etc.; prevail

pre·em·i·nent (prē em'ə nənt) ***adj.*** eminent above others; surpassing —**pre·em'i·nence** ***n.*** —**pre·em'i·nent·ly** ***adv.***

pre·empt or **pre-empt'** (prē empt') ***vt.*** [ult. < L *prae-*, before + *emere*, buy] **1** to gain the right to buy (public land) by settling on it **2** to seize before anyone else can **3** *Radio, TV* to replace (a scheduled program)

pre·emp'tion (-emp'shən) ***n.*** **1** a preempting **2** action taken to check other action beforehand —**pre·emp'tive** ***adj.***

preen (prēn) ***vt.*** [< ME *proinen*, to dress up] **1** to clean and trim (the feathers) with the beak **2** to dress up or adorn (oneself)

pre·ex·ist (prē′eg zist′) ***vt., vi.*** to exist previously or before (another person or thing) —**pre′ex·ist′ence** ***n.***

pref *abbrev.* **1** preface **2** preferred **3** prefix

pre·fab (prē′fab′) ***n.*** [Inf.] a prefabricated building

pre·fab·ri·cate (prē fab′ri kāt′) ***vt.*** **-cat′ed, -cat′ing** to build (a house, etc.) in standardized sections for shipment and quick assembly

pref·ace (pref′is) ***n.*** ‖< L *prae-*, before + *fari*, speak‖ an introduction to a book, speech, etc. —***vt.*** **-aced, -ac·ing** **1** to furnish with a preface **2** to introduce —**pref′a·to′ry** (-ə tôr′ē) ***adj.***

pre·fect (prē′fekt′) ***n.*** ‖< L *praeficere*, to set over‖ any of various administrators —**pre′fec′ture** (-fek′chər) ***n.***

pre·fer (prē fʉr′, pri-) ***vt.*** **-ferred′, -fer′ring** ‖< L *prae-*, before + *ferre*, to bear‖ **1** to put before a court, etc. for consideration **2** to like better

pref·er·a·ble (pref′ər ə bəl) ***adj.*** more desirable —**pref′er·a·bly** ***adv.***

pref′er·ence (-əns) ***n.*** **1** a preferring or being preferred **2** something preferred **3** advantage given to one person, country, etc. over others —**pref′er·en′tial** (-ər en′shəl) ***adj.***

pre·fer·ment (prē fʉr′mənt) ***n.*** an advancement in rank, etc.; promotion

pre·fig·ure (prē fig′yər) ***vt.*** **-ured, -ur·ing** to suggest beforehand; foreshadow

pre·fix (prē′fiks′; *for v., also* prē fiks′) ***vt.*** ‖< L *prae-*, before + *figere*, fix‖ to fix to the beginning of a word, etc.; esp., to add as a prefix —***n.*** a syllable, group of syllables, or word joined to the beginning of another word or a base to alter its meaning

preg·nant (preg′nənt) ***adj.*** ‖< L *pregnans*‖ **1** having (an) offspring developing in the uterus; with child **2** mentally fertile; inventive **3** full of meaning, etc. *[a pregnant* silence*]* **4** filled (*with*); abounding —**preg′nan·cy**, *pl.* **-cies**, ***n.***

pre·hen·sile (prē hen′səl) ***adj.*** ‖< L *prehendere*, take‖ adapted for seizing or grasping, esp. by wrapping around something: said as of a monkey's tail

pre·his·tor·ic (prē′his tôr′ik) ***adj.*** of the period before recorded history

pre·ig·ni·tion (prē′ig nish′ən) ***n.*** in an internal-combustion engine, ignition occurring before the intake valve is closed or before the spark plug fires

pre·judge (prē juj′) ***vt.*** **-judged′, -judg′ing** to judge beforehand or without all the evidence —**pre·judg′ment** ***n.***

prej·u·dice (prej′ə dis) ***n.*** ‖< L *prae-*, before + *judicium*, judgment‖ **1** a preconceived, usually unfavorable idea **2** an opinion held in disregard of facts that contradict it; bias **3** intolerance or hatred of other races, etc. **4** injury or harm as from some judgment —***vt.*** **-diced, -dic·ing** **1** to injure or harm, as by some judgment **2** to cause to have prejudice; bias —**prej′u·di′cial** (-dish′əl) ***adj.***

prel·ate (prel′it) ***n.*** ‖< L *praelatus*, placed before‖ a high-ranking member of the clergy, as a bishop —**prel′a·cy**, *pl.* **-cies**, ***n.***

pre·lim·i·nar·y (prē lim′ə ner′ē, pri-) ***adj.*** ‖< L *prae-*, before + *limen*, threshold‖ leading up to the main action, discussion, etc.; introductory —***n.***, *pl.* **-ies** [*often pl.*] a preliminary step, procedure, etc.

pre·lit·er·ate (prē lit′ər it) ***adj.*** of a society not having a written language

prel·ude (prel′yo͞od′, prā′lo͞od′) ***n.*** ‖< Fr < L *prae-*, before + *ludere*, to play‖ **1** a preliminary part **2** *Music a)* an introductory instrumental composition, as the overture to an opera *b)* a short, romantic composition

pre·mar·i·tal (prē mar′ət′l) ***adj.*** occurring before marriage

pre·ma·ture (prē′mə to͝or′, -cho͝or′) ***adj.*** ‖< L *prae-*, before + *maturus*, ripe‖ happening, done, arriving, etc. before the proper or usual time; too early —**pre′ma·ture′ly** ***adv.***

pre·med′i·tate′ (-med′ə tāt′) ***vt., vi.*** **-tat′ed, -tat′ing** to think (out) or plan beforehand —**pre·med′i·ta′tion** ***n.***

pre·men·stru·al (prē men′strəl) ***adj.*** occurring before a menstrual period

pre·mier (pri mir′, -myir′) ***adj.*** ‖Fr < L *primus*, first‖ first in importance; foremost —***n.*** a chief official; specif., a prime minister —**pre·mier′ship** ***n.***

pre·mière or **pre·miere** (pri mir′, -myer′) ***n.*** ‖Fr: see prec.‖ a first performance of a play, movie, etc.

prem·ise (prem′is) ***n.*** ‖< L *prae-*, before + *mittere*, send‖ **1** a previous statement serving as a basis for an argument **2** [*pl.*] a piece of real estate —***vt.*** **-ised, -is·ing** to state as a premise

pre·mi·um (prē′mē əm) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ums** ‖< L *prae-*, before + *emere*, get, buy‖ **1** a reward or prize, esp. as an inducement to buy **2** an additional amount paid or charged **3** a payment, as for an insurance policy **4** very high value *[to put a premium* on wit*]* —**at a premium** very valuable because of scarcity

prem·o·ni·tion (prēm′ə nish′ən, prē′mə-) ***n.*** ‖< L *prae-*, before + *monere*, warn‖ **1** a forewarning **2** a foreboding —**pre·mon·i·to·ry** (prē män′i tôr′ē) ***adj.***

pre·na·tal (prē nāt′′l) ***adj.*** before birth

pre·nup·tial (prē nup′shəl) ***adj.*** before a marriage or wedding

pre·oc′cu·pied′ ***adj.*** completely absorbed in one's thoughts; engrossed

pre·oc·cu·py (prē äk′yo͞o pī′) ***vt.*** **-pied′, -py′ing** ‖< L *prae-*, before + *occupare*, seize‖ to wholly occupy the thoughts of; engross —**pre·oc′cu·pa′tion** (-pā′shən) ***n.***

pre·or·dain (prē′ôr dān′) ***vt.*** to ordain or decree beforehand

pre-owned′ ***adj.*** previously owned; used

prep[1] (prep) ***adj.*** *short for* PREPARATORY *[a prep* school*]* —***vt.*** **prepped, prep′ping** to prepare (a patient) for surgery, etc.

prep[2] *abbrev.* **1** preparatory **2** preposition

pre·pack·age (prē pak′ij) ***vt.*** **-aged, -ag·ing** to package (foods, etc.) in standard

units before selling

pre·paid (prē pād′) ***vt.*** *pt. & pp. of* PRE-PAY

prep·a·ra·tion (prep′ə rā′shən) ***n.*** **1** a preparing or being prepared **2** a preparatory measure **3** something prepared, as a medicine or cosmetic

pre·par·a·to·ry (prē par′ə tôr′ē, prep′ə rə-) ***adj.*** serving to prepare; introductory

preparatory school a private secondary school that prepares students for college

pre·pare (prē par′, pri-) ***vt.*** **-pared′, -par′ing** [< L *prae-*, before + *parare*, get ready] **1** to make ready **2** to equip or furnish **3** to put together *[to prepare* dinner*]* —***vi.*** **1** to make things ready **2** to make oneself ready

pre·par′ed·ness (-par′id nəs) ***n.*** the state of being prepared, esp. for waging war

pre·pay′ ***vt.*** **-paid′, -pay′ing** to pay or pay for in advance —**pre·pay′ment** ***n.***

pre·pon·der·ate (prē pän′dər āt′, pri-) ***vi.*** **-at′ed, -at′ing** [< L *prae-*, before + *ponderare*, weigh] to be superior in amount, power, etc. —**pre·pon′der·ance** ***n.*** —**pre·pon′der·ant** ***adj.***

prep·o·si·tion (prep′ə zish′ən) ***n.*** [< L *prae-*, before + *ponere*, to place] a word, as *in*, *by*, or *to*, that connects a noun or pronoun to another element of a sentence —**prep′o·si′tion·al** ***adj.***

pre·pos·sess (prē′pə zes′) ***vt.*** to bias, esp. favorably

pre′pos·sess′ing ***adj.*** that impresses favorably

pre·pos·ter·ous (prē päs′tər əs, pri-) ***adj.*** [< L *prae-*, before + *posterus*, following] absurd; ridiculous; laughable

prep·py or **prep·pie** (prep′ē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-pies** a student at or graduate of a preparatory school —***adj.*** **-pi·er, -pi·est** of or like the clothes worn by such students

pre·puce (prē′pyo͞os′) ***n.*** [< L *praeputium*] FORESKIN

pre·re·cord (prē′ri kôrd′) ***vt.*** *Film, Radio, TV* to record (music, a program, etc.) for later use

pre′re·cord′ed ***adj.*** designating or of a magnetic tape, as in a cassette, on which sound, etc. has been recorded before its sale

pre·req·ui·site (prē rek′wə zit, pri-) ***adj.*** required beforehand as a necessary condition —***n.*** something prerequisite

pre·rog·a·tive (prē räg′ə tiv, pri-) ***n.*** [< L *prae-*, before + *rogare*, ask] an exclusive right or privilege

pres *abbrev.* present

Pres *abbrev.* President

pres·age (pres′ij; *for v., usually* prē sāj′, pri-) ***n.*** [< L *prae-*, before + *sagire*, perceive] **1** an omen; portent **2** a foreboding —***vt.*** **-aged′, -ag′ing** to give warning of

pres·by·ter (prez′bi tər) ***n.*** [see PRIEST] **1** in the Presbyterian Church, an elder **2** in the Episcopal Church, a priest

Pres′by·te′ri·an (-tir′ē ən) ***adj.*** designating or of a church of a traditionally Calvinistic Protestant denomination governed by presbyters —***n.*** a member of a Presbyterian church

pre′school′ ***adj.*** of or for a child between infancy and school age —***n.*** a school for very young children, usually those three to five years of age —**pre′school′er** ***n.***

pres·cience (prē′shəns, -shē əns) ***n.*** [< L *prae-*, before + *scire*, know] foreknowledge; foresight —**pres′cient** ***adj.***

pre·scribe (prē skrīb′, pri-) ***vt.*** **-scribed′, -scrib′ing** [< L *prae-*, before + *scribere*, write] **1** to order; direct **2** to order as a medicine or treatment: said as of physicians

pre·script (prē′skript′) ***n.*** a prescribed rule —**pre·scrip′tive** ***adj.***

pre·scrip·tion (prē skrip′shən, pri-) ***n.*** **1** something prescribed **2** *a*) a written direction for the preparation and use of medicine *b*) such a medicine

pres·ence (prez′əns) ***n.*** **1** the fact or state of being present **2** immediate surroundings *[in his presence]* **3** *a*) a person's bearing or appearance *b*) impressive bearing, personality, etc.

presence of mind ability to think and act quickly in an emergency

pres·ent (prez′ənt; *for v.* prē zent′, pri-) ***adj.*** [< L *prae-*, before + *esse*, be] **1** being at the specified place **2** existing or happening now **3** *Gram.* indicating action or state occurring now or action that is always the same *[present* tense*]* —***n.*** **1** the present time **2** the present tense **3** a gift —***vt.*** **pre·sent′** **1** to introduce (a person) **2** to exhibit; show **3** to offer for consideration **4** to give (a gift, etc.) to a person, etc. —**present arms** to hold a rifle vertically in front of the body

pre·sent·a·ble (prē zent′ə bəl, pri-) ***adj.*** **1** suitable for presentation **2** suitably groomed for meeting people

pres·en·ta·tion (prez′ən tā′shən, prē′zən-) ***n.*** **1** a presenting or being presented **2** something presented

pres′ent-day′ ***adj.*** of the present time

pre·sen·ti·ment (prē zent′ə mənt, pri-) ***n.*** [see PRE- & SENTIMENT] a feeling that something, esp. of an unfortunate nature, is about to take place

pres′ent·ly ***adv.*** **1** soon; shortly **2** at present; now: a usage objected to by some

pre·sent·ment (prē zent′mənt, pri-) ***n.*** presentation

present participle a participle used *a*) to express present or continuing action or existence (Ex.: he is *growing*) *b*) as an adjective (Ex.: a *growing* boy)

pres·er·va·tion·ist (prez′ər vā′shən ist) ***n.*** one who advocates positive measures to preserve historic buildings, wilderness lands, etc.

pre·serv·a·tive (prē zʉrv′ə tiv, pri-) ***adj.*** preserving —***n.*** anything that preserves *[a preservative* added to foods*]*

pre·serve (prē zʉrv′, pri-) ***vt.*** **-served′, -serv′ing** [< L *prae-*, before + *servare*, to keep] **1** to protect from harm, damage, etc. **2** to keep from spoiling **3** to prepare (food), as by canning, for future

use **4** to carry on; maintain —***n.*** **1** [*usually pl.*] fruit preserved by cooking with sugar **2** a place where game, fish, etc. are maintained —**pres·er·va·tion** (prez′ər vā′shən) ***n.*** —**pre·serv′er** ***n.***

pre·set (prē set′) ***vt.*** **-set′**, **-set′ting** to set (automatic controls) beforehand

pre·shrink (prē shriŋk′) ***vt.*** **-shrank′** or **-shrunk′**, **-shrunk′** or **-shrunk′en**, **-shrink′ing** to shrink by a special process in manufacture, to minimize further shrinkage in laundering —**pre′shrunk′** ***adj.***

pre·side (prē zīd′, pri-) ***vi.*** **-sid′ed**, **-sid′ing** [< L *prae-*, before + *sedere*, sit] **1** to serve as chairman **2** to have control or authority (*over*)

pres·i·dent (prez′ə dənt) ***n.*** [see prec.] **1** the highest executive officer of a company, club, etc. **2** [*often* **P-**] the chief executive (as in the U.S.), or the nominal head (as in Italy), of a republic —**pres′i·den·cy**, *pl.* **-cies**, ***n.*** —**pres′i·den′tial** (-den′shəl) ***adj.***

press[1] (pres) ***vt.*** [< L *premere*] **1** *a*) to act on with steady force or weight; push against, squeeze, compress, etc. *b*) to push against (a button, key, etc.) as in using an elevator, keyboard, etc. **2** to squeeze (juice, etc.) from **3** to iron (clothes, etc.) **4** to embrace closely **5** to urge persistently; entreat **6** to try to force **7** to emphasize **8** to distress or trouble *[*I'm *pressed* for time*]* **9** to urge on —***vi.*** **1** to exert pressure; apply weight **2** to go forward with determination **3** to crowd —***n.*** **1** pressure, urgency, etc. **2** a crowd **3** a machine for crushing, stamping, etc. **4** *a*) *short for* PRINTING PRESS *b*) a printing establishment *c*) newspapers, magazines, etc., or the persons who write for them *d*) publicity, etc. in newspapers, etc. **5** a closet for storing clothes, etc. —**press′er** ***n.***

press[2] (pres) ***vt.*** [< L *praes*, surety + *stare*, to stand] to force into service, esp. military or naval service

press agent one whose work is to get publicity for a client

press box a place for reporters at sports events, etc.

press conference a group interview granted to media personnel as by a celebrity

press′ing ***adj.*** calling for immediate attention; urgent

press′man (-mən) ***n.***, *pl.* **-men** (-mən) an operator of a printing press

press secretary one whose job is to deal with the news media on behalf of a prominent person

pres·sure (presh′ər) ***n.*** **1** a pressing or being pressed **2** a state of distress **3** a compelling influence *[*social *pressure]* **4** urgent demands; urgency **5** *Physics* force per unit of area exerted upon a surface, etc. —***vt.*** **-sured**, **-sur·ing** to exert pressure on

pressure cooker a container for quick cooking by steam under pressure

pressure group a group trying to influence government through lobbying, propaganda, etc.

pres′sur·ize′ (-īz′) ***vt.*** **-ized′**, **-iz′ing** to keep nearly normal atmosphere pressure inside (an airplane, etc.), as at high altitudes —**pres′sur·i·za′tion** ***n.***

pres·ti·dig·i·ta·tion (pres′tə dij′i tā′shən) ***n.*** [Fr < *preste*, quick + L *digitus*, finger] sleight of hand

pres·tige (pres tēzh′, -tēj′) ***n.*** [< L *praestrigiae*, deceptions] **1** the power to impress or influence **2** reputation based on high achievement, character, etc.

pres·ti′gious (-tij′əs, -tē′jəs) ***adj.*** having or imparting prestige or distinction

pres·to (pres′tō) ***adv.***, ***adj.*** [It, quick] **1** fast or at once **2** *Music* in fast tempo Also written **pres′to**

pre·stressed concrete (prē′strest′) concrete containing tensed steel cables for strength

pre·sume (prē zo͞om′, pri-) ***v.*** **-sumed′**, **-sum′ing** [< L *prae-*, before + *sumere*, take] **1** to dare (to say or do something); venture **2** to take for granted; suppose —***vi.*** to act presumptuously; take liberties —**pre·sum′a·ble** ***adj.*** —**pre·sum′a·bly** ***adv.***

pre·sump·tion (prē zump′shən, pri-) ***n.*** **1** a presuming; specif., *a*) an overstepping of proper bounds *b*) a taking of something for granted **2** the thing presumed **3** a reason for presuming —**pre·sump′tive** ***adj.***

pre·sump′tu·ous (-cho͞o əs) ***adj.*** too bold or forward

pre·sup·pose (prē′sə pōz′) ***vt.*** **-posed′**, **-pos′ing** **1** to suppose or assume beforehand **2** to require or imply as a preceding condition —**pre′sup·po·si′tion** (-sup ə zish′ən) ***n.***

pre·teen (prē′tēn′) ***n.*** a child nearly a teenager

pre·tend (prē tend′, pri-) ***vt.*** [< L *prae-*, before + *tendere*, to stretch] **1** to profess *[*to *pretend* ignorance*]* **2** to feign; simulate *[*to *pretend* anger*]* **3** to make believe *[*to *pretend* to be astronauts*]* —***vi.*** to lay claim (*to*) —**pre·tend′er** ***n.***

pre·tense (prē tens′, pri-; prē′tens′) ***n.*** **1** a claim; pretension **2** a false claim **3** a false show of something **4** a pretending, as at play Brit. sp. **pre·tence′**

pre·ten·sion (prē ten′shən, pri-) ***n.*** **1** a pretext **2** a claim **3** assertion of a claim **4** pretentiousness

pre·ten′tious (-shəs) ***adj.*** **1** making claims to some distinction, importance, etc. **2** affectedly grand; ostentatious —**pre·ten′tious·ly** ***adv.*** —**pre·ten′tious·ness** ***n.***

pret·er·it or **pret·er·ite** (pret′ər it) ***adj.*** [< L *praeter-*, beyond + *ire*, go] *Gram.* expressing past action or state —***n.*** the past tense

pre·term (prē′tʉrm′) ***adj.*** of premature birth

pre·ter·nat·u·ral (prēt′ər nach′ər əl) ***adj.*** [ML *praeternaturalis*] **1** differing from or beyond what is natural; abnormal **2** SUPERNATURAL

pre·test (prē test′) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** to test in advance

pre·text (prē′tekst′) ***n.*** [< L *prae-*, before

+ *texere*, weave] a false reason put forth to hide the real one

Pre·to·ri·a (prē tôr′ē ə) administrative capital of South Africa: pop. 526,000

pret·ti·fy (prit′i fī′) ***vt.*** **-fied′, -fy′ing** to make pretty

pret·ty (prit′ē) ***adj.*** **-ti·er, -ti·est** [OE *prættig*, crafty] attractive in a dainty, graceful way —***adv.*** fairly; somewhat —***vt.*** **-tied, -ty·ing** to make pretty: usually with *up* —**pret′ti·ly** ***adv.*** —**pret′ti·ness** ***n.***

pret·zel (pret′səl) ***n.*** [< L *brachium*, an arm] a hard, brittle, salted biscuit, often formed in a loose knot

pre·vail (prē vāl′, pri-) ***vi.*** [< L *prae-*, before + *valere*, be strong] **1** to be victorious; triumph: often with *over* or *against* **2** to succeed **3** to be or become more widespread **4** to be prevalent —**prevail on** (or **upon** or **with**) to persuade

pre·vail′ing ***adj.*** **1** superior in strength or influence **2** prevalent

prev·a·lent (prev′ə lənt) ***adj.*** [see PREVAIL] widely existing; generally accepted, used, etc. —**prev′a·lence** ***n.***

pre·var·i·cate (pri var′i kāt′) ***vi.*** **-cat′ed, -cat′ing** [< L *prae-*, before + *varicare*, straddle] **1** to evade the truth **2** to lie —**pre·var′i·ca′tion** ***n.*** —**pre·var′i·ca′tor** ***n.***

pre·vent (prē vent′, pri-) ***vt.*** [< L *prae-*, before + *venire*, come] to stop or keep from doing or happening; hinder —**pre·vent′a·ble** or **pre·vent′i·ble** ***adj.*** —**pre·ven′tion** ***n.***

pre·ven′tive (-vent′iv) ***adj.*** preventing or serving to prevent —***n.*** anything that prevents Also **pre·vent′a·tive** (-vent′ə tiv)

pre·view (prē′vyo͞o′) ***n.*** **1** an advance, restricted showing, as of a movie **2** a showing of scenes from a movie, etc. to advertise it Also sp. **pre′vue′**

pre·vi·ous (prē′vē əs) ***adj.*** [< L *prae-*, before + *via*, a way] occurring before; prior —**previous to** before —**pre′vi·ous·ly** ***adv.***

pre·war (prē′wôr′) ***adj.*** before a (or the) war

prex·y (prek′sē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ies** [Slang] the president, esp. of a college, etc.

prey (prā) ***n.*** [< L *prehendere*, seize] **1** an animal hunted for food by another animal **2** a victim **3** the mode of living by preying on other animals *[a bird of prey]* —***vi.*** **1** to plunder **2** to hunt other animals for food **3** to weigh as an obsession Generally used with *on* or *upon*

pri·ap·ic (prī ap′ik) ***adj.*** [after *Priapos*, Gr god of procreation] overly concerned with masculinity

price (prīs) ***n.*** [< L *pretium*] **1** the amount of money, etc. asked or paid for something; cost **2** value or worth **3** the cost, as in life, labor, etc., of obtaining some benefit —***vt.*** **priced, pric′ing** **1** to fix the price of **2** [Inf.] to find out the price of

price′less ***adj.*** of inestimable value; invaluable

price′y ***adj.*** [Inf.] expensive: also sp. **pri′cy**

prick (prik) ***n.*** [OE *prica*, a point] **1** a tiny puncture made by a sharp point **2** a sharp pain caused as by being pricked —***vt.*** **1** to make (a hole) in (something) with a sharp point **2** to pain sharply —**prick up one's ears** **1** to raise the ears erect **2** to listen closely

prick·le (prik′əl) ***n.*** [OE *prica*, a point] **1** a small, sharply pointed growth, as a thorn: also **prick′er** **2** a tingling sensation —***vt.***, ***vi.*** **-led, -ling** to tingle —**prick′ly, -li·er, -li·est,** ***adj.***

prickly heat a skin eruption caused by inflammation of the sweat glands

pride (prīd) ***n.*** [< OE *prut*, proud] **1** *a)* an unduly high opinion of oneself *b)* haughtiness; arrogance **2** dignity and self-respect **3** satisfaction in something done, owned, etc. **4** a person or thing in which pride is taken —**pride oneself on** to be proud of —**pride′ful** ***adj.*** —**pride′ful·ly** ***adv.***

pri·er (prī′ər) ***n.*** one who pries

priest (prēst) ***n.*** [< Gr *presbys*, old] **1** a person of special rank who performs religious rites in a temple of God or a god **2** *R.C.Ch.* a clergyman ranking next below a bishop —**priest′hood′** ***n.*** —**priest′ly, -li·er, -li·est,** ***adj.***

priest·ess (prēs′tis) ***n.*** a pagan female priest

prig (prig) ***n.*** [< 16th-c. cant] one who smugly affects great propriety or morality —**prig′gish** ***adj.***

prim (prim) ***adj.*** **prim′mer, prim′mest** [< ?] stiffly formal, precise, or moral —**prim′ly** ***adv.***

pri·ma·cy (prī′mə sē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-cies** [< L *primus*, first] **1** a being first in time, rank, etc.; supremacy **2** the rank or office of a primate

pri·ma don·na (prē′mə dän′ə, prim′ə) *pl.* **pri′ma don′nas** [It, lit., first lady] the principal woman singer in an opera

pri·ma fa·ci·e (prī′mə fā′shə) [L, lit., at first sight] **1** self-evident **2** *Law* designating evidence that establishes a fact unless refuted

pri·mal (prī′məl) ***adj.*** [< L *primus*, first] **1** first in time; original **2** first in importance; chief **3** fundamental; basic *[primal* instincts*]*

pri·mar·i·ly (prī mer′ə lē) ***adv.*** **1** at first; originally **2** mainly; principally

pri·mar·y (prī′mer′ē) ***adj.*** [< L *primus*, first] **1** first in time or order; original **2** from which others are derived; fundamental *[primary* colors*]* **3** first in importance; chief —***n.***, *pl.* **-ries** **1** something first in order, importance, etc. **2** a preliminary election at which candidates are chosen for the final election

primary school **1** ELEMENTARY SCHOOL **2** a school including the first three elementary grades and, sometimes, kindergarten

primary stress (or **accent**) the heaviest stress (′) in pronouncing a word

pri·mate (prī′mit; *for 2*, -māt′) ***n.*** [< L *primus*, first] **1** an archbishop, or the highest-ranking bishop in a province, etc. **2** any of the order of mammals that includes humans, the apes, etc.

prime (prīm) ***adj.*** [< L *primus*, first] **1** first in time; original **2** first in rank or importance; chief; principal **3** first in quality **4** fundamental **5** *Math.* that can be evenly divided by no other whole number than itself and 1 —***n.*** **1** the first or earliest part **2** the best or most vigorous period **3** the best part —***vt.*** **primed, prim'ing** **1** to make ready; prepare **2** to get (a pump) into operation by pouring water into it **3** to undercoat, size, etc. before painting **4** to provide with facts, answers, etc. beforehand

prime meridian the meridian at Greenwich, England, from which longitude is measured east and west

prime minister in some countries, the chief executive of the government

prim·er[1] (prim'ər) ***n.*** [< L *primus*, first] **1** a simple book for teaching reading **2** any elementary textbook

prim·er[2] (prī'mər) ***n.*** a thing that primes; specif., *a*) an explosive cap, etc. used to set off a main charge *b*) a preliminary coat of paint, etc.

prime rate the most favorable interest rate charged on bank loans to large corporations: also **prime interest rate** or **prime lending rate**

prime time *Radio, TV* the hours when the largest audience is available

pri·me·val (prī mē'vəl) ***adj.*** [< L *primus*, first + *aevum*, an age] of the earliest times or ages; primordial

prim·i·tive (prim'i tiv) ***adj.*** [< L *primus*, first] **1** of the earliest times; original **2** crude; simple **3** primary; basic —***n.*** a primitive person or thing

pri·mo·gen·i·ture (prī'mə jen'i chər) ***n.*** [< L *primus*, first + *genitura*, a begetting] the exclusive right of inheritance of the eldest son

pri·mor·di·al (prī môr'dē əl) ***adj.*** [< L *primus*, first + *ordiri*, begin] primitive; fundamental

primp (primp) ***vt., vi.*** [prob. < PRIM] to groom or dress up in a fussy way

prim·rose (prim'rōz') ***n.*** [altered (after *rose*) < ML *primula*] a plant with tube-like, often yellow flowers

primrose path **1** the path of pleasure, self-indulgence, etc. **2** a course of action that seems easy but that can lead to disaster

prince (prins) ***n.*** [< L *princeps*, chief] **1** a ruler ranking below a king; head of a principality **2** a son of a sovereign **3** any preeminent person

prince consort the husband of a reigning queen

Prince Edward Island island province of SE Canada: 2,185 sq. mi.; pop. 135,000; cap. Charlottetown: abbrev. *PE*

prince'ly ***adj.*** **-li·er, -li·est** **1** of a prince **2** magnificent; generous —**prince'li·ness** ***n.***

prin·cess (prin'sis, -ses') ***n.*** **1** a daughter of a sovereign **2** the wife of a prince

prin·ci·pal (prin'sə pəl) ***adj.*** [see PRINCE] first in rank, importance, etc. —***n.*** **1** a principal person or thing **2** the head of a school **3** the amount of a loan, on which interest is computed —**prin'ci·pal·ly** ***adv.***

prin'ci·pal'i·ty (-pal'ə tē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ties** the territory ruled by a prince

principal parts the principal inflected forms of a verb: in English, the infinitive, past tense, and past participle (Ex: *drink, drank, drunk*)

prin·ci·ple (prin'sə pəl) ***n.*** [see PRINCE] **1** a fundamental truth, law, etc. upon which others are based **2** *a*) a rule of conduct *b*) adherence to such rules; integrity **3** a basic part **4** *a*) the scientific law explaining a natural action *b*) the method of a thing's operation

prin'ci·pled ***adj.*** having principles, as of conduct

print (print) ***n.*** [< L *premere*, to press] **1** a mark made on a surface by pressing or stamping **2** cloth printed with a design **3** the impression of letters, designs, etc. made by inked type or from a plate, block, etc. **4** a photograph, esp. one made from a negative —***vt., vi.*** **1** to stamp (a mark, letter, etc.) on a surface **2** to produce on (paper, etc.) the impression of inked type, etc. **3** to produce (a book, etc.) **4** to write in letters resembling printed ones **5** to make (a photographic print) —**in** (or **out of**) **print** still (or no longer) being sold by the publisher: said of books, etc. —**print'er** ***n.***

printed circuit an electrical circuit of conductive material, as in fine lines, applied to an insulating sheet

print'ing ***n.*** **1** the act of one that prints **2** something printed **3** all the copies printed at one time

printing press a machine for printing from inked type, plates, or rolls

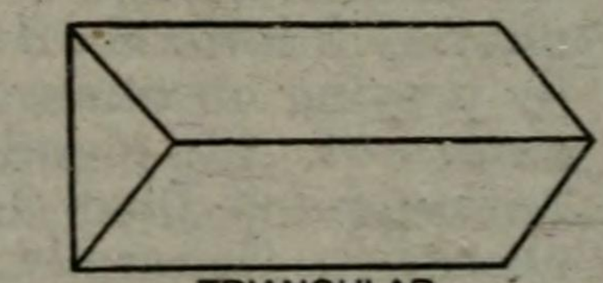
print'out' ***n.*** the printed or typewritten output of a computer

pri·or (prī'ər) ***adj.*** [L] **1** earlier; previous **2** preceding in order or importance —***n.*** the head of a priory —**prior to** before in time

pri'or·ess (-is) ***n.*** a woman who heads a priory of nuns

pri·or·i·tize (prī ôr'ə tīz') ***vt.*** **-tized', -tiz'ing** to arrange (items) in order of importance

pri·or·i·ty (prī ôr'ə tē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ties** **1** a being prior; precedence **2** a prior right to get, buy, or do something **3** something to be given prior attention



PRISMS

pri·o·ry (prī'ə rē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ries** a monastery governed by a prior, or a convent governed by a prioress

prism (priz'əm) ***n.*** [< Gr *prizein*, to saw] **1** *Geom.* a solid figure whose ends are parallel and equal in size and shape, and whose sides are parallelograms **2** a transparent, triangular prism used to disperse light into the spectrum —**pris·mat·ic** (priz mat'ik) ***adj.***

pris·on (priz'ən) ***n.*** [< L *prehendere*,

take] a place of confinement for convicted criminals or persons who are awaiting trial

prison camp 1 a camp with minimum security for holding reliable prisoners 2 a camp for confining prisoners of war

pris'on·er *n.* one held captive or confined, esp. in prison

pris·sy (pris'ē) ***adj.*** **-si·er, -si·est** [prob. PR(IM) + (S)ISSY] [Inf.] very prim or prudish —**pris'si·ness** *n.*

pris·tine (pris'tēn', pris tēn') ***adj.*** [L *pristinus*, former] 1 characteristic of the earliest period 2 unspoiled

prith·ee (prith'ē) ***interj.*** [< *pray thee*] [Archaic] I pray thee; please

pri·va·cy (prī'və sē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-cies** 1 a being private; seclusion 2 secrecy 3 one's private life

pri·vate (prī'vət) ***adj.*** [< L *privus*, separate] 1 of or concerning a particular person or group 2 not open to or controlled by the public *[a private school]* 3 for an individual person *[a private room]* 4 not holding public office *[a private citizen]* 5 secret *[a private matter]* —***n.*** 1 [*pl.*] the genitals: also **private parts** 2 the lowest-ranking enlisted man of either the U.S. Army or Marine Corps —**go private** to restore private corporate ownership by buying back publicly held stock —**in private** not publicly —**pri'vate·ly** ***adv.***

pri·va·teer (prī'və tir') ***n.*** 1 a privately owned ship commissioned in war to capture enemy ships 2 a commander or crew member of a privateer

private eye [Slang] a private detective

pri·va·tion (prī vā'shən) ***n.*** the lack of ordinary necessities or comforts

pri·va·tize (prī'və tīz') ***vt.*** **-tized', -tiz'ing** to turn over (a public property, etc.) to private interests —**pri'va·ti'za'tion** ***n.***

priv·et (priv'it) ***n.*** [< ?] an evergreen shrub used for hedges

priv·i·lege (priv'ə lij, priv'lij) ***n.*** [< L *privus*, separate + *lex*, law] a special right, favor, etc. granted to some person or group —***vt.*** **-leged, -leg·ing** to grant a privilege to

priv·y (priv'ē) ***adj.*** private: now only in such phrases as **privy council**, a body of confidential advisers named by a ruler —***n.***, *pl.* **priv'ies** an outhouse —**privy to** privately informed about

prize[1] (prīz) ***vt.*** **prized, priz'ing** [see PRICE] to value highly; esteem —***n.*** 1 something given to the winner of a contest, etc. 2 anything worth striving for —***adj.*** 1 that has won or is worthy of a prize 2 given as a prize

prize[2] (prīz) ***n.*** [< L *prehendere*, to take] something taken by force, esp. a captured ship —***vt.*** **prized, priz'ing** to pry, as with a lever

prize'fight' ***n.*** a professional boxing match —**prize'fight'er** ***n.***

pro[1] (prō) ***adv.*** [L, for] favorably —***adj.*** favorable —***n.***, *pl.* **pros** 1 a person or vote on the affirmative side 2 an argument in favor of something

pro[2] (prō) ***adj.***, ***n.***, *pl.* **pros** *short for* PROFESSIONAL

pro-[1] [Gr < *pro*, before] *prefix* before in place or time

pro-[2] [L < *pro*, forward] *prefix* 1 moving forward or ahead of *[proclivity]* 2 forth *[produce]* 3 substituting for *[pronoun]* 4 defending, supporting *[prolabor]*

pro-am (prō'am') ***n.*** a sports competition for both amateurs and professionals

prob *abbrev.* 1 probably 2 problem

prob·a·bil·i·ty (präb'ə bil'ə tē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ties** 1 a being probable; likelihood 2 something probable

prob·a·ble (präb'ə bəl) ***adj.*** [< L *probare*, prove] 1 likely to occur or be 2 reasonably so, but not proved —**prob'a·bly** ***adv.***

pro·bate (prō'bāt') ***n.*** [see PROBE] the act or process of probating —***adj.*** having to do with probating *[probate court]* —***vt.*** **-bat'ed, -bat'ing** to establish officially that (a document, esp. a will) is genuine

pro·ba·tion (prō bā'shən) ***n.*** [see PROBE] 1 a testing, as of one's character, ability, etc. 2 the conditional suspension of a convicted person's sentence —**pro·ba'tion·ar'y** ***adj.***

pro·ba'tion·er ***n.*** a person on probation

probation officer an officer who watches over persons on probation

probe (prōb) ***n.*** [< L *probare*, to test] 1 a surgical instrument for exploring a wound, etc. 2 a searching examination 3 a device, as a spacecraft with instruments, used to get information about an environment —***vt.*** **probed, prob'ing** 1 to explore (a wound, etc.) with a probe 2 to investigate thoroughly —***vi.*** to search

pro·bi·ty (prō'bə tē, präb'ə-) ***n.*** [< L *probus*, good] honesty; integrity

prob·lem (präb'ləm) ***n.*** [< Gr *problēma*] 1 a question proposed for solution 2 a perplexing or difficult matter, person, etc.

prob·lem·at·ic (präb'lə mat'ik) ***adj.*** 1 hard to solve 2 uncertain Also **prob'lem·at'i·cal**

pro·bos·cis (prō bäs'is) ***n.***, *pl.* **-cis·es** [< Gr *pro-*, before + *boskein*, to feed] an elephant's trunk, or any similar long, flexible snout

pro·caine (prō'kān') ***n.*** [PRO-[2] + (CO)CAINE] a synthetic compound used as a local anesthetic

pro·ce·dure (prō sē'jər, prə-) ***n.*** the act or method of proceeding in an action —**pro·ce'dur·al** ***adj.***

pro·ceed (prō sēd', prə-) ***vi.*** [< L *pro-*, forward + *cedere*, go] 1 to go on, esp. after stopping 2 to carry on some action 3 to take legal action (*against*) 4 to come forth or issue (*from*)

pro·ceed'ing ***n.*** 1 a going on with what one has been doing 2 a course of action 3 [*pl.*] a record of the business carried on, as by a learned society 4 [*pl.*] legal action

pro·ceeds (prō'sēdz') ***pl.n.*** the sum derived from a sale, business venture, etc.

proc·ess (prä'ses') ***n.*** [see PROCEED] 1

the course of being done: chiefly in **in process** **2** course (*of* time, etc.) **3** a continuing development involving many changes *[*the *process* of digestion*]* **4** a method of doing something, with all the steps involved **5** *Biol.* a projecting part **6** *Law* a court summons —***vt.*** to prepare by or subject to a special process —**pro′cess·or** ***n.***

pro·ces·sion (prō sesh′ən, prə-) ***n.*** ⟦see PROCEED⟧ a number of persons or things moving forward, as in a parade

pro·ces′sion·al ***n.*** a hymn sung at the beginning of a church service during the entrance of the clergy

pro′-choice′ ***adj.*** advocating the legal right to obtain an abortion —**pro′-choic′er** ***n.***

pro·claim (prō klām′) ***vt.*** ⟦< L *pro-*, before + *clamare*, cry out⟧ to announce officially; announce to be

proc·la·ma·tion (präk′lə mā′shən) ***n.*** **1** a proclaiming **2** something that is proclaimed

pro·cliv·i·ty (prō kliv′ə tē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ties** ⟦< L *pro-*, before + *clivus*, a slope⟧ a tendency or inclination

pro·cras·ti·nate (prō kras′tə nāt′) ***vi.***, ***vt.*** **-nat′ed, -nat′ing** ⟦< L *pro-*, forward + *cras*, tomorrow⟧ to put off doing (something) until later; delay —**pro·cras′ti·na′tion** ***n.*** —**pro·cras′ti·na′tor** ***n.***

pro·cre·ate (prō′krē āt′) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** **-at′ed, -at′ing** ⟦< L *pro-*, before + *creare*, create⟧ to produce (young); beget (offspring) —**pro′cre·a′tion** ***n.***

proc·tor (präk′tər) ***n.*** ⟦see PROCURE⟧ one who supervises students, as at an examination —***vt.*** to supervise (an academic examination)

proc·u·ra·tor (präk′yo͝o rāt′ər) ***n.*** ⟦see fol.⟧ in the Roman Empire, the governor of a lesser province

pro·cure (prō kyo͝or′) ***vt.*** **-cured′, -cur′ing** ⟦< L *pro-*, before + *curare*, attend to⟧ to obtain; get —**pro·cur′a·ble** ***adj.*** —**pro·cure′ment** ***n.***

pro·cur′er ***n.*** a pimp

prod (präd) ***vt.*** **prod′ded, prod′ding** ⟦< ?⟧ **1** to jab as with a pointed stick **2** to goad into action —***n.*** **1** a jab or thrust **2** something that prods

prod·i·gal (präd′i gəl) ***adj.*** ⟦< L *pro-*, forth + *agere*, to drive⟧ **1** exceedingly or recklessly wasteful **2** extremely abundant —***n.*** a spendthrift —**prod′i·gal′i·ty** (-gal′ə tē), *pl.* **-ties**, ***n.***

pro·di·gious (prō dij′əs, prə-) ***adj.*** ⟦see fol.⟧ **1** wonderful; amazing **2** enormous; huge —**pro·di′gious·ly** ***adv.***

prod·i·gy (präd′ə jē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-gies** ⟦< L *prodigium*, omen⟧ an extraordinary person, thing, or act; specif., a child of genius

pro·duce (prə do͞os′; *for n.* prō′do͞os′) ***vt.*** **-duced′, -duc′ing** ⟦< L *pro-*, forward + *ducere*, to lead⟧ **1** to bring to view; show *[*to *produce* identification*]* **2** to bring forth; bear **3** to make or manufacture **4** to cause **5** to get (a play, etc.) ready for presentation —***vi.*** to yield something —***n.*** something produced; esp., fruit and vegetables —**pro·duc′er** ***n.***

prod·uct (präd′əkt) ***n.*** **1** something produced by nature, industry, or art **2** result; outgrowth **3** *Math.* the quantity obtained by multiplying two or more quantities together

pro·duc·tion (prə duk′shən) ***n.*** a producing or something produced

pro·duc′tive ***adj.*** **1** fertile **2** marked by abundant production **3** bringing as a result (with *of*) *[*war is *productive* of misery*]* —**pro·duc′tive·ly** ***adv.*** —**pro·duc·tiv·i·ty** (prō′dək tiv′ə tē) or **pro·duc′tive·ness** ***n.***

prof (präf) ***n.*** [Inf.] *short for* PROFESSOR

Prof *abbrev.* Professor

pro·fane (prō fān′) ***adj.*** ⟦< L *pro-*, before + *fanum*, temple⟧ **1** not connected with religion; secular **2** showing disrespect or contempt for sacred things —***vt.*** **-faned′, -fan′ing** **1** to treat (sacred things) with irreverence or contempt **2** to debase; defile —**prof·a·na·tion** (präf′ə nā′shən) ***n.*** —**pro·fane′ly** ***adv.*** —**pro·fane′ness** ***n.***

pro·fan′i·ty (-fan′ə tē) ***n.*** **1** a being profane **2** *pl.* **-ties** profane language; swearing

pro·fess (prō fes′, prə-) ***vt.*** ⟦< L *pro-*, before + *fateri*, avow⟧ **1** to declare openly; affirm **2** to claim to have (some feeling, etc.): often insincerely **3** to declare one's belief in —**pro·fessed′** ***adj.***

pro·fes·sion (prō fesh′ən, prə-) ***n.*** **1** a professing, or declaring; avowal **2** an occupation requiring advanced academic training, as medicine, law, etc. **3** all the persons in such an occupation

pro·fes′sion·al ***adj.*** **1** of or engaged in a profession **2** engaged in some sport or in a specified occupation for pay —***n.*** a person who is professional —**pro·fes′sion·al·ly** ***adv.***

pro·fes·sor (prō fes′ər, prə-) ***n.*** a college or university teacher, esp. one of the highest rank —**pro·fes·so·ri·al** (prō′fə sôr′ē əl, prä′-) ***adj.*** —**pro·fes′sor·ship′** ***n.***

prof·fer (präf′ər) ***vt.*** ⟦< OFr: see PRO-[2] & OFFER⟧ to offer (usually something intangible) *[*to *proffer* friendship*]* —***n.*** an offer

pro·fi·cient (prō fish′ənt, prə-) ***adj.*** ⟦< L *pro-*, forward + *facere*, make⟧ highly competent; skilled —**pro·fi′cien·cy** ***n.*** —**pro·fi′cient·ly** ***adv.***

pro·file (prō′fīl′) ***n.*** ⟦< It *profilare*, to outline⟧ **1** a side view of the face **2** a drawing of this **3** an outline **4** a short, vivid biography **5** a degree of public exposure *[*keeping a low *profile*] —***vt.*** **1** to draw or write a profile **2** to identify by profiling

pro′fil′ing ***n.*** the use of a set of characteristics to identify those likely to belong to a certain group, as in detaining suspected criminals

prof·it (präf′it) ***n.*** ⟦see PROFICIENT⟧ **1** advantage; gain **2** [*often pl.*] financial gain; esp. the sum remaining after deducting costs —***vt.***, ***vi.*** **1** to be of advantage (to) **2** to benefit —**prof′it·a·bil′i·ty** ***n.*** —**prof′it·a·ble** ***adj.*** —**prof′it·a·bly** ***adv.*** —**prof′it·less** ***adj.***

prof·it·eer (präf′i tir′) ***n.*** one who makes excessive profits by charging exorbitant

prices —*vi.* to be a profiteer

pro·fi·te·role (prə fit′ə rōl′) *n.* a small cream puff

prof·li·gate (präf′li git) *adj.* [< L *pro-*, forward + *fligere*, to drive] 1 dissolute 2 recklessly wasteful —**prof′li·ga·cy** (-gə sē) *n.*

pro for·ma (prō fôr′mə) [L] for (the sake of) form; as a matter of form

pro·found (prō found′, prə-) *adj.* [< L *pro-*, forward + *fundus*, bottom] 1 marked by intellectual depth 2 deeply felt *[profound* grief*]* 3 thoroughgoing *[profound* changes*]* —**pro·found′ly** *adv.* —**pro·fun′di·ty** (-fun′də tē), *pl.* **-ties**, *n.*

pro·fuse (prō fyo͞os′, prə-) *adj.* [< L *pro-*, forth + *fundere*, pour] giving or given freely and abundantly —**pro·fuse′ly** *adv.* —**pro·fu′sion** (-fyo͞o′zhən) *n.*

pro·gen·i·tor (prō jen′ə tər) *n.* [< L *pro-*, forth + *gignere*, beget] 1 an ancestor in direct line 2 a precursor

prog·e·ny (präj′ə nē) *n.*, *pl.* **-nies** [see prec.] children; offspring

pro·ges·ter·one (prō jes′tər ōn′) *n.* a female hormone secreted by the ovary or made synthetically

prog·na·thous (präg′nə thəs) *adj.* [PRO-[1] + Gr *gnathos*, jaw] having the jaws projecting beyond the upper face

prog·no·sis (präg nō′sis) *n.*, *pl.* **-no′ses′** (-sēz′) [< Gr *pro-*, before + *gignōskein*, know] a prediction, esp. of the course of a disease

prog′nos′tic (-näs′tik) *adj.* [see prec.] 1 foretelling 2 of a medical prognosis

prog·nos′ti·cate′ (-näs′ti kāt′) *vt.* **-cat′ed**, **-cat′ing** [see PROGNOSIS] to foretell —**prog·nos′ti·ca′tion** *n.* —**prog·nos′ti·ca′tor** *n.*

pro·gram (prō′gram′, -grəm) *n.* [< Gr *pro-*, before + *graphein*, write] 1 a list of the acts, speeches, musical pieces, etc. as of an entertainment 2 a plan or procedure 3 a scheduled radio or TV broadcast 4 a logical sequence of coded instructions specifying the operations to be performed by a computer 5 a series of operations used to control an electronic device —*vt.* **-grammed′** or **-gramed′**, **-gram′ming** or **-gram′ing** 1 to schedule in a program 2 to prepare (a textbook, etc.) for use in programmed instruction 3 to plan a computer program for 4 to furnish (a computer) with a program Also [Chiefly Brit.] **pro′gramme′** —**pro·gram·ma·ble** (prō′ gram′ə bəl, prō gram′-) *adj.*, *n.* —**pro′gram′mer** or **pro′gram′er** *n.*

pro·gram·mat·ic (prō′grə mat′ik) *adj.* of or like a program; often, specif., predictable, mechanical, uninspired, etc.

programmed instruction instruction in which individual students answer questions about a unit of study at their own rate, checking their own answers and advancing only after answering correctly

prog·ress (präg′res; *for v.* prō gres′, prə-) *n.* [< L *pro-*, before + *gradi*, to step] 1 a moving forward or onward 2 development 3 improvement —*vi.* 1 to move forward or onward 2 to move forward toward completion 3 to improve

pro·gres·sion (prō gresh′ən, prə-) *n.* 1 a moving forward 2 a succession, as of events 3 *Math.* a series of numbers, each of which is obtained from its predecessor by the same rule

pro·gres′sive (-gres′iv, prə-) *adj.* 1 moving forward 2 continuing by successive steps 3 of or favoring progress, reform, etc. 4 *Gram.* indicating continuing action or state, as certain verb forms —*n.* one who is progressive —**pro·gres′sive·ly** *adv.*

pro·hib·it (prō hib′it, prə-) *vt.* [< L *pro-*, before + *habere*, have] 1 to forbid by law or an order 2 to prevent; hinder —**pro·hib′i·tive** *adj.*

pro·hi·bi·tion (prō′i bish′ən) *n.* 1 a prohibiting 2 the forbidding by law of the manufacture or sale of alcoholic beverages —**pro′hi·bi′tion·ist** *n.*

proj·ect (präj′jekt′; *for v.* prō jekt′, prə-) *n.* [< L *pro-*, before + *jacere*, to throw] 1 a proposal; scheme 2 an organized undertaking —*vt.* **pro·ject′** 1 to propose (a plan) 2 to throw forward 3 to cause to jut out 4 to cause (a shadow, image, etc.) to fall upon a surface —*vi.* to jut out —**pro·jec′tion** *n.*

pro·jec·tile (prō jek′təl, prə-) *n.* 1 an object designed to be shot forward, as a bullet 2 anything thrown or hurled forward

projection booth a small chamber, as in a theater, from which images on film, slides, etc. are projected

pro·jec′tion·ist *n.* the operator of a film or slide projector

pro·jec′tor *n.* a machine for projecting images onto a screen

pro·lapse (prō laps′, prō′laps′) *n.* [L *pro-*, forward + *labi*, to fall] *Med.* the slipping out of place of an internal organ: said as of the uterus

pro·le·tar·i·at (prō′lə ter′ē ət) *n.* [< L *proletarius*, a citizen of the lowest class] the working class; esp., the industrial working class —**pro′le·tar′i·an** *adj.*, *n.*

pro′-life′ *adj.* opposing the legal right to abortion —**pro′-lif′er** *n.*

pro·lif·er·ate (prō lif′ər āt′, prə-) *vi.* **-at′ed**, **-at′ing** [ult. < L *proles*, offspring + *ferre*, to bear] to increase rapidly —**pro·lif′er·a′tion** *n.*

pro·lif·ic (prō lif′ik, prə-) *adj.* [< L *proles*, offspring + *facere*, make] 1 producing many young or much fruit 2 turning out many products of the mind —**pro·lif′i·cal·ly** *adv.*

pro·lix (prō liks′, prō′liks′) *adj.* [< L *prolixus*, extended] wordy or long-winded —**pro·lix′i·ty** *n.*

pro·logue (prō′lôg′) *n.* [< Gr *pro-*, before + *logos*, discourse] 1 an introduction to a poem, play, etc. 2 any preliminary act, event, etc.

pro·long (prō lôŋ′, prə-) *vt.* [< L *pro-*, forth + *longus*, long] to lengthen in time or space: also **pro·lon′gate′** (-gāt′), **-gat′ed**, **-gat′ing** —**pro·lon·ga·tion** (prō′ lôŋ gā′shən) *n.*

prom (präm) *n.* [< fol.] a dance, as of a particular class in a school

prom·e·nade (präm′ə nād′, -näd′) *n.*

‖Fr < L *pro-*, forth + *minare*, to herd‖ **1** a leisurely walk taken for pleasure, display, etc. **2** a public place for walking —***vi.***, ***vt.*** **-nad'ed, -nad'ing** to take a promenade (along or through)

Pro·me·the·us (prō mē′thē əs) ***n.*** *Gr. Myth.* a Titan who steals fire from heaven for the benefit of human beings

prom·i·nent (präm′ə nənt) ***adj.*** ‖< L *prominere*, to project‖ **1** sticking out; projecting **2** noticeable; conspicuous **3** widely and favorably known —**prom′i·nence** ***n.*** —**prom′i·nent·ly** ***adv.***

pro·mis·cu·ous (prō mis′kyo͞o əs, prə-) ***adj.*** ‖< L *pro-*, forth + *miscere*, to mix‖ **1** consisting of different elements indiscriminately mingled **2** characterized by a lack of discrimination, esp. in sexual liaisons —**prom·is·cu·i·ty** (präm′is kyo͞o′ ə tē), *pl.* **-ties,** ***n.*** —**pro·mis′cu·ous·ly** ***adv.***

prom·ise (präm′is) ***n.*** ‖< L *pro-*, forth + *mittere*, send‖ **1** an agreement to do or not to do something **2** indication, as of a successful future **3** something promised —***vi.***, ***vt.*** **-ised, -is·ing** **1** to make a promise of (something) **2** to give a basis for expecting (something)

Promised Land *Bible* Canaan, promised by God to Abraham and his descendants: Genesis 17:8

prom·is·so·ry (präm′i sôr′ē) ***adj.*** containing a promise

pro·mo (prō′mō) [Inf.] ***adj.*** of or engaged in the promotion or advertising of a product, etc. —***n.***, *pl.* **-mos** a recorded announcement, radio or TV commercial, etc. used in advertising, etc.

prom·on·to·ry (präm′ən tôr′ē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ries** ‖prob. < L *prominere*, to project‖ a peak of high land that juts out into a body of water; headland

pro·mote (prə ōt′) ***vt.*** **-mot'ed, -mot'ing** ‖< L *pro-*, forward + *movere*, to move‖ **1** to raise to a higher position or rank **2** to further the growth, establishment, sales, etc. of —**pro·mo′tion** ***n.*** —**pro·mo′tion·al** ***adj.***

pro·mot′er ***n.*** one who begins, organizes, and furthers an undertaking

prompt (prämpt) ***adj.*** ‖< L *pro-*, forth + *emere*, take‖ **1** ready, punctual, etc. **2** done, spoken, etc. without delay —***vt.*** **1** to urge into action **2** to remind (a person) of something he or she has forgotten; specif., to help (an actor, etc.) with a cue **3** to inspire —**prompt′er** ***n.*** —**prompt′ly** ***adv.*** —**prompt′ness** or **promp′ti·tude′** ***n.***

prom·ul·gate (präm′əl gāt′, prō mul′ gāt′) ***vt.*** **-gat'ed, -gat'ing** ‖< L *promulgare*, publish‖ **1** to make known officially **2** to make widespread —**prom′ul·ga′tion** ***n.***

pron *abbrev.* **1** pronoun **2** pronunciation

prone (prōn) ***adj.*** ‖< L *pronus*‖ **1** lying face downward or prostrate **2** disposed or inclined (*to*) *[prone* to error*]*

prong (prôŋ) ***n.*** ‖ME *pronge*‖ **1** any of the pointed ends of a fork; tine **2** any projecting part —**pronged** ***adj.***

prong′horn′ ***n.*** an animal of the W U.S. having curved horns and resembling both the deer and the antelope

pro·noun (prō′noun′) ***n.*** ‖< L *pro*, for + *nomen*, noun‖ *Gram.* a word used in place of a noun (Ex.: *I, he, them, ours, which, yourself, anyone*) —**pro·nom′i·nal** (-näm′i nəl) ***adj.***

pro·nounce (prə nouns′, prō-) ***vt.*** **-nounced′, -nounc′ing** ‖< L *pro-*, before + *nuntiare*, announce‖ **1** to declare officially, solemnly, etc. **2** to utter or articulate (a sound or word) —**pro·nounce′a·ble** ***adj.***

pro·nounced′ ***adj.*** clearly marked; decided *[a pronounced* change*]*

pro·nounce′ment ***n.*** a formal statement, as of an opinion

pron·to (prän′tō) ***adv.*** ‖Sp: see PROMPT‖ [Slang] at once; quickly

pro·nun·ci·a·tion (prə nun′sē ā′shən, prō-) ***n.*** **1** the act or manner of pronouncing words **2** an accepted way of pronouncing a word; also, a rendering of this in symbols

proof (pro͞of) ***n.*** ‖see PROBE‖ **1** a proving or testing of something **2** evidence that establishes the truth of something **3** the relative strength of an alcoholic liquor **4** *Photog.* a trial print of a negative **5** a sheet printed from set type, for checking errors, etc. —***adj.*** of tested strength in resisting: with *against*

-proof (pro͞of) ‖< prec.‖ *combining form* **1** impervious to *[waterproof]* **2** protected from *[rustproof]* **3** resistant to *[fireproof]*

proof′read′ (-rēd′) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** to read and mark corrections on (printers' proofs, etc.) —**proof′read′er** ***n.***

prop[1] (präp) ***n.*** ‖< MDu *proppe*‖ a support, as a pole, placed under or against something: often used figuratively —***vt.*** **propped, prop′ping** **1** to support with or as with a prop: often with *up* **2** to lean (something) *against* a support

prop[2] (präp) ***n.*** PROPERTY (sense 4)

prop[3] (präp) ***n.*** *short for* PROPELLER

prop[4] *abbrev.* **1** proper(ly) **2** property **3** proposition **4** proprietor

prop·a·gan·da (präp′ə gan′də) ***n.*** ‖ModL: see fol.‖ **1** any widespread promotion of particular ideas, doctrines, etc. **2** ideas, etc. so spread —**prop′a·gan′dist** ***n.***, ***adj.*** —**prop′a·gan′dize′** (-dīz′), **-dized′, -diz′ing,** ***vt.***, ***vi.***

prop·a·gate (präp′ə gāt′) ***vt.*** **-gat'ed, -gat'ing** ‖< L *propago*, slip (of a plant)‖ **1** to cause (a plant or animal) to reproduce itself **2** to reproduce (itself): said of a plant or animal **3** to spread (ideas, customs, etc.) —***vi.*** to reproduce: said of plants or animals —**prop′a·ga′tion** ***n.***

pro·pane (prō′pān′) ***n.*** a gaseous hydrocarbon obtained from petroleum, used as a fuel

pro·pel (prə pel′, prō-) ***vt.*** **-pelled′, -pel′ling** ‖< L *pro-*, forward + *pellere*, to drive‖ to drive onward or forward

pro·pel′lant or **pro·pel′lent** ***n.*** one that propels; specif., the fuel for a rocket

pro·pel′ler ***n.*** a device having two or more blades in a revolving hub, for propelling a ship or aircraft

pro·pen·si·ty (prə pen′sə tē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ties** ‖< L *propendere*, hang forward‖ a natural inclination or tendency

prop·er (präp′ər) ***adj.*** ‖< L *proprius*, one's own‖ **1** specially suitable; appropriate; fitting **2** naturally belonging (*to*) **3** conforming to a standard; correct **4** decent; decorous **5** in the most restricted sense *[*Chicago *proper* (i.e., apart from its suburbs)*]* **6** designating a noun that names a specific individual, place, etc. (Ex.: *Bill, Paris*) —**prop′er·ly** ***adv.***

prop·er·ty (präp′ər tē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ties** ‖see prec.‖ **1** ownership **2** something owned, esp. real estate **3** a characteristic or attribute **4** any of the movable articles used in a stage setting —**prop′er·tied** (-tēd) ***adj.***

proph·e·cy (präf′ə sē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-cies** ‖see PROPHET‖ **1** prediction of the future, as by divine guidance **2** something predicted

proph′e·sy′ (-sī′) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** **-sied′**, **-sy′ing** **1** to predict as by divine guidance **2** to predict in any way

proph·et (präf′it) ***n.*** ‖< Gr *pro-*, before + *phanai*, speak‖ **1** a religious leader regarded as, or claiming to be, divinely inspired **2** one who predicts the future —**proph′et·ess** ***fem.n.***

pro·phet·ic (prə fet′ik, prō-) ***adj.*** **1** of or like a prophet **2** like or containing a prophecy —**pro·phet′i·cal·ly** ***adv.***

pro·phy·lac·tic (prō′fə lak′tik) ***adj.*** ‖< Gr *pro-*, before + *phylassein*, to guard‖ preventive or protective; esp., preventing disease —***n.*** **1** a prophylactic medicine, device, etc. **2** a condom

pro′phy·lax′is (-lak′sis) ***n.***, *pl.* **-lax′es′** (-sēz′) **1** prophylactic treatment **2** *Dentistry* a cleaning of the teeth to remove plaque and tartar

pro·pin·qui·ty (prō piŋ′kwə tē) ***n.*** ‖< L *propinquus*, near‖ nearness

pro·pi·ti·ate (prō pish′ē āt′, prə-) ***vt.*** **-at′ed**, **-at′ing** ‖see fol.‖ to win the good will of; appease —**pro·pi′ti·a′tion** ***n.*** —**pro·pi′ti·a·to′ry** (-ē ə tôr′ē) ***adj.***

pro·pi·tious (prō pish′əs, prə-) ***adj.*** ‖< L *pro-*, before + *petere*, seek‖ **1** favorably inclined **2** favorable; auspicious

prop′jet′ ***n.*** TURBOPROP

pro·po·nent (prə pō′nənt, prō-) ***n.*** ‖see PROPOSE‖ one who espouses or supports a cause, etc.

pro·por·tion (prə pôr′shən, prō-) ***n.*** ‖< L *pro*, for + *portio*, a part‖ **1** the comparative relation in size, amount, etc. between things; ratio **2** a part, share, etc. in its relation to the whole **3** balance or symmetry **4** [*pl.*] dimensions —***vt.*** **1** to put in proper relation with something else **2** to arrange the parts of (a whole) so as to be harmonious —**pro·por′tion·al** or **pro·por′tion·ate** (-shə nit) ***adj.***

pro·pos·al (prə pōz′əl) ***n.*** **1** a proposing **2** a proposed plan, etc. **3** an offer of marriage

pro·pose (prə pōz′) ***vt.*** **-posed′**, **-pos′ing** ‖< L *pro-*, forth + *ponere*, to place‖ **1** to put forth for consideration, approval, etc. **2** to plan or intend —***vi.*** to offer marriage

prop·o·si·tion (präp′ə zish′ən) ***n.*** **1** something proposed; plan **2** [Inf.] a proposed deal, as in business **3** [Inf.] an undertaking, etc. to be dealt with **4** a subject to be discussed **5** *Math.* a problem to be solved

pro·pound (prə pound′, prō-) ***vt.*** ‖see PROPOSE‖ to put forward for consideration

pro·pri·e·tar·y (prə prī′ə tər ē, prō-) ***adj.*** ‖see PROPERTY‖ belonging to a proprietor, as under a patent, trademark, or copyright

pro·pri′e·tor ***n.*** an owner —**pro·pri′e·tor·ship′** ***n.*** —**pro·pri′e·tress** (-tris) ***fem.n.***

pro·pri′e·ty (-tē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ties** ‖see PROPER‖ **1** the quality of being proper, fitting, etc. **2** conformity with accepted standards of behavior

pro·pul·sion (prə pul′shən) ***n.*** ‖see PROPEL‖ **1** a propelling or being propelled **2** something that propels —**pro·pul′sive** ***adj.***

pro·rate (prō rāt′, prō′rāt′) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** **-rat′ed**, **-rat′ing** ‖< L *pro rata*, in proportion‖ to divide or assess proportionally

pro·sa·ic (prō zā′ik) ***adj.*** ‖< L *prosa*, prose‖ commonplace; dull

pro·sce·ni·um (prō sē′nē əm) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ni·ums** or **-ni·a** (-ə) ‖< Gr *pro-*, before + *skēnē*, tent‖ in a theater, the plane separating the stage proper from the audience and including the arch (**proscenium arch**) and the curtain within it

pro·scribe (prō skrīb′) ***vt.*** **-scribed′**, **-scrib′ing** ‖< L < *pro-*, before + *scribere*, write‖ **1** to outlaw **2** to banish; exile **3** to denounce or forbid the use, etc. of —**pro·scrip′tion** (-skrip′shən) ***n.***

prose (prōz) ***n.*** ‖< L *prorsus*, straight on‖ ordinary language; writing that is not poetry

pros·e·cute (präs′ə kyo͞ot′) ***vt.*** **-cut′ed**, **-cut′ing** ‖< L *pro-*, before + *sequi*, follow‖ **1** to carry on **2** to conduct legal action against —**pros′e·cu′tion** ***n.*** —**pros′e·cu′tor** ***n.*** —**pros′e·cu·to′ri·al** ***adj.***

pros·e·lyte (präs′ə līt′) ***n.*** ‖< Gr *prosēlytos*, a stranger‖ one who has been converted from one religion, sect, etc. to another

pros·e·lyt·ize (präs′ə li tīz′) ***vi.***, ***vt.*** **-ized′**, **-iz′ing** **1** to try to convert (a person), esp. to one's religion **2** to persuade to do or join something —**pros′e·lyt·ism′** (-li tiz′əm) ***n.*** —**pros′e·lyt·iz′er** ***n.***

pro·sim·i·an (prō sim′ē ən) ***n.*** any of various small, arboreal primates

pros·o·dy (präs′ə dē) ***n.*** ‖< Gr *prosōidia*, accent‖ versification; study of meter, rhyme, etc.

pros·pect (präs′pekt′) ***n.*** ‖< L *pro-*, forward + *specere*, to look‖ **1** a broad view; scene **2** a viewpoint; outlook **3** anticipation **4** *a*) something expected *b*) [*usually pl.*] apparent chance for success **5** a likely customer, candidate, etc. —***vi.*** to explore or search (*for*) —**pros′pec′tor** ***n.***

pro·spec·tive (prə spek′tiv, prä-, prō-) ***adj.*** expected; likely

pro·spec′tus (-spek′təs) ***n.*** ‖L: see PROS-

PECT] a statement of the features of a new work, enterprise, etc.

pros·per (präs′pər) ***vi.*** [< L *prospere*, fortunately] to succeed; thrive

pros·per·i·ty (präs per′ə tē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ties** prosperous condition; wealth

pros·per·ous (präs′pər əs) ***adj.*** **1** prospering; successful **2** wealthy —**pros′per·ous·ly** ***adv.***

pros·tate (präs′tāt′) ***adj.*** [< Gr *prostatēs*, one standing before] of or designating a gland surrounding the male urethra at the base of the bladder —***n.*** this gland: in full **prostate gland**

pros·the·sis (präs thē′sis) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ses′** (-sēz′) *Med.* **1** the replacement of a missing part of the body, as a limb, by an artificial substitute **2** such a substitute —**pros·thet′ic** (-thet′ik) ***adj.***

pros·ti·tute (präs′tə to͞ot′) ***n.*** [< L *pro-*, before + *statuere*, cause to stand] one who engages in promiscuous sexual activity for pay —***vt.*** **-tut′ed, -tut′ing** **1** to offer (oneself) as a prostitute **2** to sell (oneself, one's talents, etc.) for base purposes —**pros′ti·tu′tion** ***n.***

pros·trate (präs′trāt′) ***adj.*** [< L *pro-*, before + *sternere*, stretch out] **1** lying face downward **2** lying prone or supine **3** laid low; overcome —***vt.*** **-trat′ed, -trat′ing** **1** to lay flat on the ground **2** to lay low; subjugate —**pros·tra′tion** ***n.***

pros·y (prō′zē) ***adj.*** **-i·er, -i·est** prosaic; commonplace, dull, etc.

pro·tag·o·nist (prō tag′ə nist) ***n.*** [< Gr *prōtos*, first + *agōnistēs*, actor] the main character in a drama, novel, etc.

pro·te·an (prōt′ē ən, prō tē′ən) ***adj.*** [after *Proteus*, Gr god who changes his form] readily taking on different forms

pro·tect (prə tekt′, prō-) ***vt.*** [< L *pro-*, before + *tegere*, to cover] to shield from injury, danger, etc.; defend —**pro·tec′tor** ***n.***

pro·tec′tion ***n.*** **1** a protecting or being protected **2** a person or thing that protects

pro·tec′tive ***adj.*** **1** protecting **2** *Economics* intended to protect domestic industry from foreign competition [a *protective* tariff] —**pro·tec′tive·ly** ***adv.*** —**pro·tec′tive·ness** ***n.***

pro·tec′tor·ate (-tər it) ***n.*** a weak state under the protection and control of a strong state

pro·té·gé (prōt′ə zhā′) ***n.*** [Fr: see PROTECT] a person guided and helped in his or her career by another person

pro·tein (prō′tēn′, prō′tē in) ***n.*** [< Gr *prōtos*, first] any of numerous nitrogenous substances occurring in all living matter and essential to diet

pro tem·po·re (prō tem′pə rē′) [L] for the time (being); temporarily: shortened to **pro tem**

pro·test (prō test′; *also, and for n. always* prō′test′) ***vt.*** [< L *pro-*, forth + *testari*, affirm] **1** to state positively **2** to speak strongly against —***vi.*** to express disapproval; object —***n.*** **1** an objection **2** a formal statement of objection —**prot·es·ta·tion** (prät′es tā′ shən) ***n.*** —**pro′test′er** ***n.***

Prot·es·tant (prät′əs tənt) ***n.*** [see prec.] any Christian not belonging to the Roman Catholic Church or the Eastern Orthodox Church —**Prot′es·tant·ism′** ***n.***

proto- [< Gr *prōtos*, first] *combining form* **1** first in time, original **2** first in importance, chief

pro·to·col (prōt′ə kôl′) ***n.*** [< Gr *prōtokollon*, contents page] **1** an original draft of a document, etc. **2** the code of ceremonial forms accepted as correct in official dealings, as between heads of state or diplomatic officials

pro·ton (prō′tän′) ***n.*** [< Gr *prōtos*, first] an elementary particle in the nucleus of all atoms, carrying a unit positive charge of electricity

pro·to·plasm (prōt′ə plaz′əm) ***n.*** [see PROTO- & PLASMA] a semifluid, viscous colloid, the essential living matter of all animal and plant cells —**pro′to·plas′mic** (-plaz′mik) ***adj.***

pro·to·type (prōt′ə tīp′) ***n.*** the first thing or being of its kind; model

pro·to·zo·an (prōt′ə zō′ən) ***n.***, *pl.* **-zo′a** (-ə) [< Gr *prōtos*, first + *zōion*, an animal] any of various microscopic, single-celled animals: also **pro′to·zo′on′** (-än′), *pl.* **-zo′a** (-ə)

pro·tract (prō trakt′, prə-) ***vt.*** [< L *pro-*, forward + *trahere*, draw] to draw out; prolong —**pro·trac′tion** ***n.***

pro·trac·tor (prō′trak′tər) ***n.*** a graduated semicircular instrument for plotting and measuring angles

pro·trude (prō tro͞od′, prə-) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** **-trud′ed, -trud′ing** [< L *pro-*, forth + *trudere*, to thrust] to jut out; project —**pro·tru′sion** (-tro͞o′zhən) ***n.***

pro·tu·ber·ance (prō to͞o′bər əns, prə-) ***n.*** a part or thing that protrudes; bulge —**pro·tu′ber·ant** ***adj.***

proud (proud) ***adj.*** [< LL *prode*, beneficial] **1** having a proper pride in oneself **2** arrogant; haughty **3** feeling or causing great pride or joy **4** caused by pride **5** stately; splendid [a *proud* fleet] —**proud of** highly pleased with —**proud′ly** ***adv.***

proud flesh [from the notion of swelling up] an abnormal growth of flesh around a healing wound

Proust (pro͞ost), **Mar·cel** (mär sel′) 1871-1922; Fr. novelist

prove (pro͞ov) ***vt.*** **proved, proved** or **prov′en, prov′ing** [< L *probare*, to test] **1** to test by experiment, a standard, etc. **2** to establish as true —***vi.*** to be found by experience or trial —**prov′a·bil′i·ty** ***n.*** —**prov′a·ble** ***adj.***

prov·e·nance (präv′ə nəns) ***n.*** [< L *provenire*, come forth] origin; source

Pro·ven·çal (prō′vən säl′) ***n.*** **1** the vernacular of S France, a Romance language **2** the medieval literary language of S France

prov·en·der (präv′ən dər) ***n.*** [< L *praebere*, give] **1** dry food for livestock **2** [Inf.] food

prov·erb (präv′ərb) ***n.*** [< L *pro-*, PRO-[2] + *verbum*, word] a short, traditional saying expressing an obvious truth —**pro·ver·bi·al** (prō vʉr′bē əl) ***adj.***

Prov′erbs ***n.*** a book of the Bible contain-

ing maxims

pro·vide (prə vīd′, prō-) ***vt.*** **-vid′ed, -vid′ing** [< L *pro-*, PRO-[2] + *videre*, see] **1** to make available; supply **2** to furnish (someone) *with* something **3** to stipulate —***vi.*** **1** to prepare (*for* or *against* a possible situation, etc.) **2** to furnish support (*for*) —**pro·vid′er** ***n.***

pro·vid′ed or **pro·vid′ing** ***conj.*** on the condition or understanding (*that*)

prov·i·dence (präv′ə dəns) ***n.*** **1** provident management **2** the benevolent guidance of God or nature **3** [**P-**] God

Prov·i·dence (präv′ə dəns) capital of Rhode Island: pop. 161,000

prov′i·dent (-dənt) ***adj.*** [see PROVIDE] **1** providing for the future **2** prudent or economical —**prov′i·dent·ly** ***adv.***

prov′i·den′tial (-den′shəl) ***adj.*** of, by, or as if decreed by divine providence

prov·ince (präv′ins) ***n.*** [< L *provincia*] **1** an administrative division of a country; specif., of Canada **2** *a*) a district; territory *b*) [*pl.*] the parts of a country removed from the major cities **3** range of duties or work; sphere

pro·vin·cial (prə vin′shəl, prō-) ***adj.*** **1** of a province **2** having the ways, speech, etc. of a certain province **3** countrylike; rustic **4** narrow; limited —**pro·vin′cial·ism′** ***n.***

proving ground a place for testing new equipment, new theories, etc.

pro·vi·sion (prə vizh′ən, prō-) ***n.*** **1** a providing or preparing **2** something provided for the future **3** [*pl.*] a stock of food **4** a stipulation; proviso —***vt.*** to supply with provisions

pro·vi′sion·al ***adj.*** temporary —**pro·vi′sion·al·ly** ***adv.***

pro·vi·so (prə vī′zō′, prō-) ***n.***, *pl.* **-sos′** or **-soes′** [see PROVIDE] a condition or stipulation, or a clause making one

prov·o·ca·tion (präv′ə kā′shən) ***n.*** **1** a provoking **2** something that provokes; incitement

pro·voc·a·tive (prə väk′ə tiv, prō-) ***adj.*** provoking or tending to provoke, as to action, thought, or feeling —**pro·voc′a·tive·ly** ***adv.***

pro·voke (prə vōk′, prō-) ***vt.*** **-voked′, -vok′ing** [< L *pro-*, forth + *vocare*, to call] **1** to excite to some action or feeling **2** to anger or irritate **3** to stir up (action or feeling) **4** to evoke —**pro·vok′er** ***n.*** —**pro·vok′ing** ***adj.***

pro·vost (prō′vōst′) ***n.*** [< L *praepositus*, chief] a high executive official, as in some colleges

pro·vost guard (prō′vō′) a detail of military police under the command of an officer (**provost marshal**)

prow (prou) ***n.*** [< Gr *prōira*] the forward part of a ship, etc.

prow·ess (prou′is) ***n.*** [< OFr *prouesse*] **1** bravery; valor **2** superior ability, skill, etc.

prowl (proul) ***vi.***, ***vt.*** [< ?] to roam about furtively (in), as in search of prey or loot —***n.*** a prowling —**prowl′er** ***n.***

prowl car PATROL CAR

prox·im·i·ty (präk sim′ə tē) ***n.*** [< L *prope*, near] nearness

prox·y (präk′sē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ies** [< ME *procuracie*, function of a procurator] **1** the authority to act for another, as in voting **2** one given such authority

Pro·zac (prō′zak′) *trademark for* a drug used in treating depression, eating disorders, etc.

prude (prōōd) ***n.*** [Fr < *prudefemme*, excellent woman] one who is overly modest or proper in behavior, dress, etc. —**prud′er·y** ***n.*** —**prud′ish** ***adj.*** —**prud′ish·ness** ***n.***

pru·dent (prōō′dənt) ***adj.*** [< L *providens*, provident] **1** exercising sound judgment in practical matters **2** cautious in conduct; not rash **3** managing carefully —**pru′dence** ***n.*** —**pru·den·tial** (prōō den′shəl) ***adj.***

prune[1] (prōōn) ***n.*** [< Gr *proumnon*, plum] a dried plum

prune[2] (prōōn) ***vt.*** **pruned, prun′ing** [< OFr *prooignier*] **1** to trim dead or living parts from (a plant) **2** to cut out (unnecessary parts, etc.)

pru·ri·ent (prŏŏr′ē ənt) ***adj.*** [< L *prurire*, to itch] tending to excite lust; lewd —**pru′ri·ence** ***n.***

Prus·sia (prush′ə) former kingdom in N Europe & later the dominant state of the German Empire (1871-1919) —**Prus′sian** ***adj.***, ***n.***

pry[1] (prī) ***n.***, *pl.* **pries** [< PRIZE[2]] a lever or crowbar —***vt.*** **pried, pry′ing** **1** to raise or move with a pry **2** to obtain with difficulty

pry[2] (prī) ***vi.*** **pried, pry′ing** [< ?] to look closely and inquisitively; snoop

pry′er ***n.*** PRIER

PS *abbrev.* Public School

P.S., **p.s.**, or **PS** *abbrev.* postscript

psalm (säm) ***n.*** [< Gr *psallein*, to pluck (a harp)] **1** a sacred song or poem **2** [*usually* **P-**] any of the songs in praise of God constituting the Book of Psalms —**psalm′ist** ***n.***

Psalms (sämz) ***n.*** a book of the Bible consisting of 150 psalms

Psal·ter (sôl′tər) ***n.*** [< Gr *psaltērion*, a harp] **1** PSALMS **2** [*also* **p-**] a version of the Book of Psalms for use in religious services

pseu·do (sōō′dō) ***adj.*** [ME: see fol.] sham; false; spurious

pseudo- [< Gr *pseudein*, deceive] *combining form* sham, counterfeit

pseu·do·nym (sōō′də nim′) ***n.*** [< Gr *pseudēs*, false + *onyma*, a name] a fictitious name, esp. one assumed by an author; pen name

pshaw (shô) ***n.***, ***interj.*** (an exclamation) used to express impatience, disgust, etc.

psi[1] (sī, psē) ***n.*** the 23d letter of the Greek alphabet (Ψ, ψ)

psi[2] *abbrev.* pounds per square inch

psit·ta·co·sis (sit′ə kō′sis) ***n.*** [< Gr *psittakos*, parrot + -OSIS] a disease of birds, esp. parrots, often transmitted to humans

pso·ri·a·sis (sə rī′ə sis) ***n.*** [ult. < Gr *psōra*, an itch] a chronic skin disease characterized by scaly, reddish patches

psst (pst) ***interj.*** [Inf.] used to attract someone's attention quietly

PST *abbrev.* Pacific Standard Time

psych[1] (sīk) ***vt.*** **psyched, psych'ing** [< PSYCHOANALYZE] [Slang] **1** to outwit, overcome, etc. by psychological means: often with *out* **2** to prepare (oneself) psychologically: often with *up*

psych[2] *abbrev.* psychology

psych- *combining form* PSYCHO-

psy·che (sī'kē) ***n.*** [Gr *psychē*] **1** the soul **2** the mind regarded as an entity based ultimately upon physical processes but with its own complex processes **3** [P-] *Rom. Folklore* the wife of Cupid

psy·che·del·ic (sī'kə del'ik) ***adj.*** [< prec. + Gr *dēloun*, make manifest] **1** of or causing extreme changes in the conscious mind, as hallucinations **2** of or associated with psychedelic drugs

psy·chi·a·try (sī kī'ə trē) ***n.*** [see PSYCHO- & -IATRY] the branch of medicine dealing with disorders of the mind, including psychoses and neuroses — **psy·chi·at·ric** (sī'kē a'trik) ***adj.*** — **psy'chi'a·trist** ***n.***

psy·chic (sī'kik) ***adj.*** [see PSYCHE] **1** of the psyche, or mind **2** beyond known physical processes **3** apparently sensitive to forces beyond the physical world Also **psy'chi·cal** —***n.*** **1** a person apparently sensitive to nonphysical forces **2** a MEDIUM (*n.* 5) —**psy'chi·cal·ly** ***adv.***

psy·cho (sī'kō) ***adj.***, ***n.*** [Inf.] *short for* PSYCHOTIC, PSYCHOPATHIC, *and* PSYCHOPATH

psycho- [see PSYCHE] *combining form* the mind or mental processes

psy·cho·a·nal·y·sis (sī'kō ə nal'ə sis) ***n.*** a method of treating some mental disorders by analyzing repressed feelings, emotional conflicts, etc. through the use of free association, dream analysis, etc. —**psy'cho·an'a·lyst** (-an'ə list) ***n.*** — **psy'cho·an'a·lyze'** (-līz'), **-lyzed'**, **-lyz'ing**, ***vt.***

psy'cho·bab'ble (-bab'əl) ***n.*** [Inf.] talk or writing that uses psychological terms and concepts in a trite or superficial way

psy'cho·gen'ic (-jen'ik) ***adj.*** [see PSYCHO- & GENESIS] originating in the mind or caused by mental conflicts

psy·chol·o·gy (sī käl'ə jē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-gies** [see PSYCHO- & -LOGY] **1** the science dealing with the mind and with mental and emotional processes **2** the science of human and animal behavior — **psy'cho·log'i·cal** (-kə läj'i kəl) ***adj.*** — **psy·chol'o·gist** ***n.***

psy·cho·neu·ro·sis (sī'kō nōō rō'sis) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ses'** (-sēz') NEUROSIS

psy'cho·path' (-path') ***n.*** [see PSYCHO- & -PATHY] one who has a severe mental disorder and whose behavior is asocial —**psy'cho·path'ic** ***adj.***

psy·cho·sis (sī kō'sis) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ses'** (-sēz') [see PSYCHO- & -OSIS] a mental disorder in which the personality is seriously disorganized and contact with reality is usually impaired —**psy·chot'ic** (-kät'ik) ***adj.***

psy'cho·so·mat'ic (-sō mat'ik) ***adj.*** [PSYCHO- + SOMATIC] designating or of a physical disorder brought on, or made worse, by one's emotional state

psy'cho·ther'a·py (-ther'ə pē) ***n.*** [PSYCHO- + THERAPY] treatment of mental disorders by counseling, psychoanalysis, etc. —**psy'cho·ther'a·pist** ***n.***

pt *abbrev.* **1** part **2** pint(s) **3** point

Pt[1] *abbrev.* **1** Point **2** Port

Pt[2] *Chem. symbol for* platinum

PT *abbrev.* Pacific Time

PTA *abbrev.* Parent-Teacher Association

ptar·mi·gan (tär'mi gən) ***n.*** [< Scot *tarmachan*] a grouse of northern regions

ptero- [< Gr *pteron*, wing] *combining form* feather, wing

pter·o·dac·tyl (ter'ə dak'təl) ***n.*** [see prec. & DACTYL] an extinct flying reptile with wings of skin stretched from the hind limbs to the long digits of each forelimb

Ptol·e·my (täl'ə mē) 2d c. A.D.; Greco-Egyptian astronomer & mathematician

pto·maine (tō'mān') ***n.*** [< Gr *ptōma*, corpse] an alkaloid substance, often poisonous, formed in decaying matter

Pu *Chem. symbol for* plutonium

pub (pub) ***n.*** [< *pub*(*lic house*)] [Inf.] a bar or tavern

pu·ber·ty (pyōō'bər tē) ***n.*** [< L *puber*, adult] the stage of physical development when sexual reproduction first becomes possible —**pu'ber·tal** ***adj.***

pu·bes·cent (pyōō bes'ənt) ***adj.*** [see prec.] reaching or having reached puberty —**pu·bes'cence** ***n.***

pu'bic (-bik) ***adj.*** of or in the region of the genitals

pub·lic (pub'lik) ***adj.*** [ult. < L *populus*, the people] **1** of the people as a whole **2** for the use or benefit of all *[a public park]* **3** acting officially for the people *[a public prosecutor]* **4** known by, open to, or available to most or all people *[to make public, a public company]* —***n.*** **1** the people as a whole **2** a specific part of the people *[the reading public]* —**in public** openly —**pub'lic·ly** ***adv.***

pub·li·can (pub'li kən) ***n.*** **1** in ancient Rome, a tax collector **2** [Brit.] a saloon proprietor

pub·li·ca·tion (pub'li kā'shən) ***n.*** [see PUBLISH] **1** public notification **2** the printing and distribution of books, magazines, etc. **3** something published, as a periodical or book

public defender an attorney employed at public expense to defend indigent people who are accused of crimes

public domain the condition of being free from copyright or patent

pub·li·cist (pub'lə sist) ***n.*** a person whose business is publicity

pub·lic·i·ty (pub lis'ə tē) ***n.*** **1** *a*) any information or action that brings a person, cause, etc. to public notice *b*) work concerned with such promotional matters **2** notice by the public

pub·li·cize (pub'lə sīz') ***vt.*** **-cized'**, **-ciz'ing** to give publicity to

public relations relations of an organization, etc. with the general public as through publicity

public school **1** in the U.S., an elemen-

tary or secondary school maintained by public taxes, free to students, and supervised locally **2** in England, a private boarding school

public servant a government official or a civil-service employee

pub'lic-spir'it·ed ***adj.*** having or showing zeal for the public welfare

public utility an organization supplying water, electricity, transportation, etc. to the public

pub·lish (pub'lish) ***vt.*** [< L *publicare*] **1** to make publicly known; announce **2** to issue (a printed work) for sale —***vi.*** **1** to issue books, newspapers, printed music, etc. to the public **2** to write books, etc. that are published —**pub'lish·er** ***n.***

Puc·ci·ni (po͞o chē'nē), **Gia·co·mo** (jä'kō mō') 1858-1924; It. operatic composer

puck (puk) ***n.*** [< dial. *puck*, to strike] the hard rubber disk used in ice hockey

puck·er (puk'ər) ***vt., vi.*** [< POKE²] to gather into wrinkles or small folds —***n.*** a wrinkle or small fold made by puckering

puck·ish (puk'ish) ***adj.*** [after *Puck*, elf in a Shakespeare play] mischievous

pud·ding (po͝od'iŋ) ***n.*** [ME *puddyng*, a sausage] a soft, sweet food made of eggs, milk, fruit, etc.

pud·dle (pud''l) ***n.*** [dim. < OE *pudd*, a ditch] a small pool of water, esp. stagnant, spilled, or muddy water

pud'dling (-liŋ) ***n.*** the making of wrought iron from pig iron melted and stirred in an oxidizing atmosphere

pudg·y (puj'ē) ***adj.*** **-i·er, -i·est** [< Scot *pud*, belly] short and fat

pueb·lo (pweb'lō) ***n.***, *pl.* **-los** (-lōz) [Sp < L *populus*, people] an Amerindian communal village, as in the SW U.S., of terraced adobe dwellings

pu·er·ile (pyo͞o'ər əl, pyo͝or'īl') ***adj.*** [< L *puer*, boy] childish; silly —**pu'er·il'i·ty** ***n.***

Puer·to Ri·co (pwer'tə rē'kō, pôr'-) island in the West Indies: a commonwealth associated with the U.S.: 3,427 sq. mi.; pop. 3,522,000; cap. San Juan —**Puer'to Ri'can** (-kən)

puff (puf) ***n.*** [OE *pyff*] **1** a short, sudden gust or expulsion of air, breath, smoke, etc. **2** a draw at a cigarette, etc. **3** a light pastry filled with whipped cream, etc. **4** a soft pad *[a powder puff]* **5** a book review, etc. giving undue praise —***vi.*** **1** to blow in puffs **2** to breathe rapidly **3** to fill or swell (*out* or *up*) **4** to take puffs at a cigarette, etc. —***vt.*** **1** to blow, smoke, etc. in or with puffs **2** to swell; inflate **3** to praise unduly —**puff'y, -i·er, -i·est,** ***adj.*** — **puff'i·ness** ***n.***

puff'ball' ***n.*** a fungus that bursts at the touch and discharges a brown powder

puff'er ***n.*** a small saltwater fish that can expand its body by swallowing water or air

puf·fin (puf'in) ***n.*** [ME *poffin*] a northern sea bird with a brightly colored, triangular beak

puff pastry rich, flaky pastry made of many thin layers of dough

pug (pug) ***n.*** [< ? *Puck*: see PUCK] any of a breed of small, short-haired, snub-nosed dog

pu·gil·ism (pyo͞o'jə iz'əm) ***n.*** [L *pugil*, boxer] the sport of boxing —**pu'gil·ist** ***n.*** —**pu'gil·is'tic** ***adj.***

pug·na·cious (pug nā'shəs) ***adj.*** [< L *pugnare*, to fight] eager and ready to fight; quarrelsome —**pug·na'cious·ly** ***adv.*** —**pug·nac'i·ty** (-nas'ə tē) ***n.***

pug nose a short, thick, turned-up nose —**pug'-nosed'** ***adj.***

puke (pyo͞ok) ***n., vt., vi.*** **puked, puk'ing** [< ?] [Inf.] VOMIT

puk·ka (puk'ə) ***adj.*** [Hindi *pakka*, ripe] **1** [Anglo-Ind.] first-rate **2** genuine; real

pul·chri·tude (pul'krə to͞od') ***n.*** [< L *pulcher*, beautiful] physical beauty

pule (pyo͞ol) ***vi.*** **puled, pul'ing** [echoic] to whimper or whine, as a sick or fretful child does

pull (po͝ol) ***vt.*** [< OE *pullian*, to pluck] **1** to exert force on so as to move toward the source of the force **2** to pluck out *[to pull a tooth]* **3** to rip; tear **4** to strain (a muscle) **5** [Inf.] to carry out; perform *[to pull a raid]* **6** [Inf.] to restrain *[to pull one's punches]* **7** [Inf.] to draw out (a gun, etc.) —***vi.*** **1** to exert force in dragging, tugging, or attracting something **2** to be capable of being pulled **3** to move (*away, ahead*, etc.) —***n.*** **1** the act, force, or result of pulling; a tugging, attracting, etc. **2** a difficult, continuous effort **3** something to be pulled, as a handle **4** [Inf.] *a*) influence *b*) drawing power —**pull for** [Inf.] to cheer on —**pull off** [Inf.] to accomplish —**pull oneself together** to regain one's poise, etc. —**pull out** to depart or withdraw —**pull through** [Inf.] to get over (an illness, etc.) —**pull up** **1** to bring or come to a stop **2** to move ahead —**pull'er** ***n.***

pull'back' ***n.*** a pulling back; esp., a planned military withdrawal

pul·let (po͝ol'it) ***n.*** [ult. < L *pullus*, chicken] a young hen

pul·ley (po͝ol'ē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-leys** [< medieval Gr *polos*, pivot] a small wheel with a grooved rim in which a rope, belt, etc. runs, as to raise weights or transmit power

Pull·man (po͝ol'mən) ***n.*** [after G. M. *Pullman* (1831-97), U.S. inventor] a railroad car with convertible berths for sleeping: also **Pullman car**

pull'out' ***n.*** **1** a pulling out; esp. removal, withdrawal, etc. **2** something to be pulled out, as a magazine insert

pull'o'ver ***adj.*** that is put on by being pulled over the head —***n.*** a pullover sweater, shirt, etc.

pull'-up' or **pull'up'** ***n.*** the act of chinning oneself

pul·mo·nar·y (pul'mə ner'ē) ***adj.*** [< L *pulmo*, lung] of the lungs

pul·mo·tor (po͝ol'mō'tər) ***n.*** [< L *pulmo*, lung + MOTOR] an apparatus for applying artificial respiration

pulp (pulp) ***n.*** [< L *pulpa*, flesh] **1** a soft, moist, sticky mass **2** the soft, juicy part of a fruit or the pith inside a

plant stem **3** the soft, sensitive tissue in the center of a tooth **4** ground-up, moistened fibers of wood, rags, etc., used to make paper —**pulp'y**, **-i·er**, **-i·est**, *adj.*

pul·pit (pool'pit) *n.* [< L *pulpitum*, a stage] **1** a raised platform from which a member of the clergy preaches in a church **2** preachers collectively

pul·sar (pul'sär') *n.* [< PULSE] any of several celestial objects that emit radio waves at short, regular intervals

pul·sate (pul'sāt') *vi.* **-sat'ed**, **-sat'ing** [< L *pulsare*, to beat] **1** to beat or throb rhythmically **2** to vibrate; quiver —**pul·sa'tion** *n.*

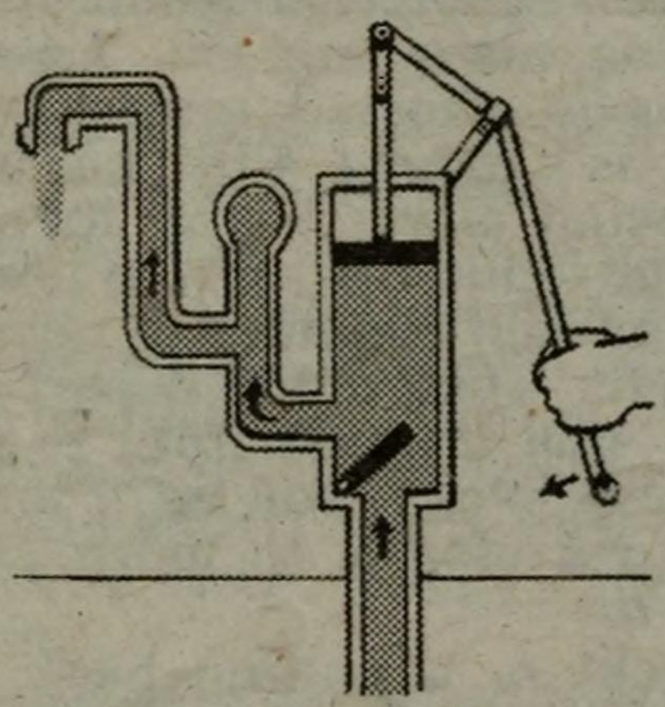
pulse (puls) *n.* [< L *pulsus*, a beating] **1** the regular beating in the arteries, caused by the contractions of the heart **2** any regular beat **3** a brief, abnormal burst or surge, as of electric current —*vi.* **pulsed**, **puls'ing** to pulsate; throb

pul·ver·ize (pul'vər īz') *vt.*, *vi.* **-ized'**, **-iz'ing** [< L *pulvis*, powder] to grind or be ground into powder

pu·ma (pyōō'mə) *n.* [AmSp] COUGAR

pum·ice (pum'is) *n.* [< L *pumex*] a light, porous volcanic rock used for scouring, polishing, etc.

pum·mel (pum'əl) *vt.* **-meled** or **-melled**, **-mel·ing** or **-mel·ling** [< POMMEL] to hit with repeated blows, esp. with the fist



WATER PUMP

pump[1] (pump) *n.* [< Sp *bomba*] a machine that forces a liquid or gas into, or draws it out of, something —*vt.* **1** to move (fluids) with a pump **2** to remove water, etc. from **3** to drive air into with a pump **4** to draw out, move up and down, pour forth, etc. as a pump does **5** [Inf.] to question persistently, or to elicit (information) by this —**pump'er** *n.*

pump[2] (pump) *n.* [prob. < Fr *pompe*, boot] a low-cut shoe without straps or ties

pumped *adj.* [Slang] full of confidence, enthusiasm, etc.

pum·per·nick·el (pum'pər nik'əl) *n.* [Ger] a coarse, dark rye bread

pump·kin (pump'kin) *n.* [< Gr *pepōn*, ripe] a large, round, orange-yellow, edible gourdlike fruit that grows on a vine

pun (pun) *n.* [< ? It *puntiglio*, fine point] the humorous use of a word, or of different words sounded alike, so as to play on the various meanings —*vi.* **punned**, **pun'ning** to make puns

punch[1] (punch) *n.* [ult. < L *pungere*, to prick] a tool driven against a surface that is to be stamped, pierced, etc. —*vt.* **1** to pierce, stamp, etc. with a punch **2** to make (a hole) with or as with a punch

punch[2] (punch) *vt.* [ME *punchen*] **1** to prod with a stick **2** to herd (cattle) as by prodding **3** to strike with the fist —*n.* **1** a thrusting blow with the fist **2** [Inf.] effective force —**punch in** (or **out**) to record with a time clock one's arrival (or departure)

punch[3] (punch) *n.* [Hindi *pañca*, five] a sweet drink made with fruit juices, sherbet, etc., often mixed with wine or liquor

punch'-drunk' *adj.* confused, unsteady, etc., as from many blows to the head in boxing

punch line the surprise line carrying the point of a joke

punch'y *adj.* **-i·er**, **-i·est** [Inf.] **1** forceful; vigorous **2** PUNCH-DRUNK

punc·til·i·ous (puŋk til'ē əs) *adj.* [see fol.] **1** very careful about fine points of behavior **2** very exact; scrupulous

punc·tu·al (puŋk'chōō əl) *adj.* [< L *punctus*, a point] on time; prompt —**punc'tu·al'i·ty** (-al'ə tē) *n.* —**punc'tu·al·ly** *adv.*

punc'tu·ate' (-āt') *vt.* **-at'ed**, **-at'ing** [see prec.] **1** to use standardized marks (**punctuation marks**), as the period and comma, in (written matter) to clarify meaning **2** to interrupt [a speech *punctuated* with applause] **3** to emphasize —**punc'tu·a'tion** *n.*

punc·ture (puŋk'chər) *n.* [< L *pungere*, pierce] **1** a piercing **2** a hole made by a sharp point —*vt.*, *vi.* **-tured**, **-tur·ing** to pierce or be pierced with or as with a sharp point

pun·dit (pun'dit) *n.* [< Sans *paṇḍita*] a person of great learning

pun·gent (pun'jənt) *adj.* [< L *pungere*, pierce] **1** producing a sharp sensation of taste and smell **2** sharp, biting, or stimulating [*pungent* wit] —**pun'gen·cy** *n.* —**pun'gent·ly** *adv.*

pun·ish (pun'ish) *vt.* [< L *punire*] **1** to cause to undergo pain, loss; etc., as for a crime **2** to impose a penalty for (an offense) —**pun'ish·a·ble** *adj.*

pun'ish·ment *n.* **1** a punishing or being punished **2** the penalty imposed **3** harsh treatment

pu·ni·tive (pyōō'ni tiv) *adj.* inflicting, or concerned with, punishment —**pu'ni·tive·ly** *adv.*

punk[1] (puŋk) *n.* [prob. < SPUNK] **1** decayed wood used as tinder **2** a fungous substance that smolders when ignited, used to light fireworks, etc.

punk[2] (puŋk) *n.* [< ?] **1** [Slang] *a*) a young hoodlum *b*) a young person regarded as inexperienced, insignificant, etc. **2** PUNK ROCK —*adj.* **1** [Slang] poor; inferior **2** of punk rock

punk rock a loud, fast, and deliberately offensive style of rock music

pun·ster (pun'stər) *n.* one who is fond of making puns

punt[1] (punt) *n.* [< ? dial. *bunt*, to kick] *Football* a kick in which the ball is

dropped and kicked before it hits the ground —*vt.*, *vi.* to kick (a football) in this way

punt[2] (punt) *n.* [< L *ponto*] a flat-bottomed boat with square ends —*vt.*, *vi.* to propel (a punt) with a long pole

pu·ny (pyo͞o′nē) *adj.* **-ni·er**, **-ni·est** [< OFr *puis*, after + *né*, born] of inferior size, strength, or importance —**pu′ni·ness** *n.*

pup (pup) *n.* **1** a young dog; puppy **2** a young fox, seal, etc.

pu·pa (pyo͞o′pə) *n.*, *pl.* **-pae** (-pē) or **-pas** [< L, a doll] an insect in the stage between the last larval form and the adult form

pu·pil[1] (pyo͞o′pəl) *n.* [< L *pupillus*, a ward] a person taught under the supervision of a teacher or tutor

pu·pil[2] (pyo͞o′pəl) *n.* [< L *pupilla*, figure reflected in the eye] the contractile circular opening, apparently black, in the center of the iris of the eye

pup·pet (pup′ət) *n.* [< L *pupa*, a doll] **1** a small figure, as of a person, moved by strings or the hands, as in a performance (**puppet show**) **2** one whose actions, ideas, etc. are controlled by another —**pup′pet·ry** *n.*

pup′pet·eer′ (-ə tir′) *n.* one who operates, designs, etc. puppets

pup·py (pup′ē) *n.*, *pl.* **-pies** [< medieval Fr *popee*, a doll] a young dog

pup tent a small, portable tent

pur·blind (pʉr′blīnd′) *adj.* [ME *pur blind*, quite blind] **1** partly blind **2** slow in understanding

pur·chase (pʉr′chəs) *vt.* **-chased**, **-chas·ing** [< OFr *pour*, for + *chacier*, to chase] to buy —*n.* **1** anything bought **2** the act of buying **3** a firm hold applied to move something heavy or to keep from slipping —**pur′chas·a·ble** *adj.* —**pur′chas·er** *n.*

pure (pyo͝or) *adj.* **pur′er**, **pur′est** [< L *purus*] **1** free from anything that adulterates, taints, etc.; unmixed **2** simple; mere **3** utter; absolute **4** faultless **5** blameless **6** virgin or chaste **7** abstract or theoretical *[pure* physics*]* —**pure′ly** *adv.* —**pure′ness** *n.*

pure′bred′ *adj.* belonging to a recognized breed with genetic attributes maintained through generations of unmixed descent —*n.* a purebred animal or plant

pu·rée or **pu·ree** (pyo͝o rā′) *n.* [Fr: see PURE] **1** cooked food pressed through a sieve or whipped in a blender to a soft, smooth consistency **2** a thick soup made with this —*vt.* **-réed′** or **-reed′**, **-rée′ing** or **-ree′ing** to make a purée of

pur·ga·tive (pʉr′gə tiv) *adj.* purging —*n.* a purging substance; cathartic

pur·ga·to·ry (pʉr′gə tôr′ē) *n.*, *pl.* **-ries** [see fol.] [*often* **P-**] *Theol.* a state or place after death, in some Christian doctrine, for expiating sins by suffering —**pur′ga·to′ri·al** *adj.*

purge (pʉrj) *vt.* **purged**, **purg′ing** [< L *purus*, clean + *agere*, do] **1** to cleanse of impurities, etc. **2** to cleanse of sin **3** to rid (a nation, party, etc.) of (individuals held to be disloyal) **4** to empty (the bowels) —*n.* **1** a purging **2** that which purges; esp., a cathartic —**purg′er** *n.*

pu·ri·fy (pyo͝or′ə fī′) *vt.* **-fied′**, **-fy′ing** [see PURE & -FY] **1** to rid of impurities, etc. **2** to free from guilt, sin, etc. —*vi.* to become purified —**pu′ri·fi·ca′tion** *n.*

Pu·rim (po͝or′im) *n.* [Heb] a Jewish holiday commemorating Esther's deliverance of the Jews from a massacre

pu·rine (pyo͝or′ēn, -in) *n.* [Ger *purin*] **1** a colorless, crystalline organic compound, from which is derived a group of compounds including uric acid and caffeine **2** a purine derivative, as adenine

pur·ism (pyo͝or′iz′əm) *n.* strict or excessive observance of precise usage or formal rules in language, style, etc. —**pur′ist** *n.*

Pu·ri·tan (pyo͝or′i tən) *n.* [see fol.] **1** a member of a group in 16th-17th-c. England and America that wanted to make the Church of England simpler in its forms and stricter about morality **2** [**p-**] a person regarded as excessively strict in morals and religion —**pu′ri·tan′i·cal** (-tan′i kəl) *adj.* —**Pu′ri·tan·ism′** or **pu′ri·tan·ism′** *n.*

pu′ri·ty (-tē) *n.* [< LL *puritas*] a being pure; specif., *a*) freedom from adulterating matter *b*) cleanness *c*) freedom from sin; chastity

purl[1] (pʉrl) *vi.* [< ? Scand] to move in ripples or with a murmur —*n.* the sound of purling water

purl[2] (pʉrl) *vt.*, *vi.* [earlier *pirl*, prob. ult. < It] to invert (stitches) in knitting

pur·lieu (pʉrl′yo͞o′) *n.* [< OFr *pur-*, through + *aler*, go] **1** [*pl.*] environs **2** an outlying part

pur·loin (pər loin′, pʉr′loin′) *vt.*, *vi.* [< OFr *pur-*, for + *loin*, far] to steal

pur·ple (pʉr′pəl) *n.* [ult. < Gr *porphyra*, shellfish yielding a dye] **1** a dark bluish red **2** crimson cloth or clothing, esp. as a former emblem of royalty —*adj.* **1** bluish-red **2** imperial **3** ornate *[purple* prose*]* **4** profane or obscene

pur·port (pʉr pôrt′; *for n.* pʉr′pôrt′) *vt.* [< OFr *por-*, forth + *porter*, to bear] **1** to profess or claim as its meaning **2** to give the appearance, often falsely, of being, intending, etc. —*n.* **1** meaning; sense **2** intention —**pur·port′ed** *adj.* —**pur·port′ed·ly** *adv.*

pur·pose (pʉr′pəs) *vt.*, *vi.* **-posed**, **-pos·ing** [see PROPOSE] to intend or plan —*n.* **1** something one intends to get or do; aim **2** determination **3** the object for which something exists or is done —**on purpose** by design; intentionally —**pur′pose·ful** *adj.* —**pur′pose·less** *adj.*

pur′pose·ly *adv.* with a definite purpose; intentionally; deliberately

pur′pos·ive *adj.* serving or having a purpose

purr (pʉr) *n.* [echoic] a low, vibratory sound made by a cat at ease —*vi.*, *vt.* to make, or express by, such a sound

purse (pʉrs) *n.* [< Gr *byrsa*, a hide] **1** a small bag for carrying money **2** finances; money **3** a sum of money for a present or prize **4** a woman's handbag —*vt.* **pursed**, **purs′ing** to draw (the lips) tightly, as in disapproval

purs·er (pʉr′sər) *n.* [ME, purse-bearer]

a ship's officer in charge of accounts, tickets, etc.

pur·su·ance (pər sōō′əns) ***n.*** a pursuing of a project, plan, etc.

pur·su′ant ***adj.*** [Now Rare] pursuing — **pursuant to** in accordance with

pur·sue (pər sōō′) ***vt.*** **-sued′**, **-su′ing** ‖< L *pro-*, forth + *sequi*, follow‖ **1** to follow in order to overtake or capture; chase **2** to follow (a specified course, action, etc.) **3** to strive for **4** to continue to annoy — **pur·su′er** ***n.***

pur·suit′ (-sōōt′) ***n.*** **1** a pursuing **2** an occupation, interest, etc.

pu·ru·lent (pyoor′ə lənt) ***adj.*** ‖< L *pus*, pus‖ of, like, or discharging pus — **pu′ru·lence** ***n.***

pur·vey (pər vā′) ***vt.*** ‖see PROVIDE‖ to supply (esp. food) —**pur·vey′or** ***n.***

pur·view (pur′vyōō′) ***n.*** ‖< OFr *pourveü*, provided‖ scope or extent, as of control or activity

pus (pus) ***n.*** ‖L‖ the yellowish-white liquid matter produced by an infection

push (poosh) ***vt.*** ‖< L *pulsare*, to beat‖ **1** to press against so as to move **2** to press or urge on **3** to urge the use, sale, etc. of —***n.*** **1** a pushing **2** a vigorous effort **3** an advance against opposition **4** [Inf.] aggressiveness; drive

push button a small knob pushed to operate something, as with electricity

push′er ***n.*** **1** one that pushes **2** [Slang] one who sells drugs, esp. narcotics, illegally

push′o′ver ***n.*** [Slang] **1** anything very easy to do **2** one easily persuaded, defeated, etc.

push′-up′ or **push′up′** ***n.*** an exercise in which a prone person, with hands under shoulders, raises the body by pushing down on the palms

push′y ***adj.*** **-i·er**, **-i·est** [Inf.] annoyingly aggressive and persistent —**push′i·ness** ***n.***

pu·sil·lan·i·mous (pyōō′si lan′ə məs) ***adj.*** ‖< L *pusillus*, tiny + *animus*, the mind‖ timid; cowardly —**pu′sil·la·nim′i·ty** (-si lə nim′ə tē) ***n.***

puss (poos) ***n.*** ‖< ?‖ a cat: also **puss′y·cat′** or **puss′y**, *pl.* **-ies**

puss′y·foot′ ***vi.*** [Inf.] **1** to move with stealth or caution, like a cat **2** to avoid committing oneself

pussy willow a willow bearing silvery, velvetlike catkins

pus·tule (pus′chōōl′) ***n.*** ‖L *pustula*‖ a pus-filled blister or pimple

put (poot) ***vt.*** **put**, **put′ting** ‖< or akin to OE *potian*, to push‖ **1** *a*) to thrust; drive *b*) to propel with an overhand thrust *[to put the shot]* **2** to cause to be in a certain place, condition, relation, etc.; place; set **3** to impose (a tax, etc.) **4** to attribute; ascribe **5** to express *[put it plainly]* **6** to present for decision *[put the question]* **7** to bet (money) *on* —***n.*** *Finance* an option to sell a stock, etc. — ***adj.*** [Inf.] fixed *[stay put]* —**put across** [Inf.] to cause to be understood or accepted —**put aside** (or **by**) to reserve for later use —**put down** **1** to crush; repress **2** to write down **3** [Slang] to belittle or humiliate —**put in for** to apply for —**put it** (or **something**) **over on** [Inf.] to deceive; trick —**put off** **1** to postpone; delay **2** to evade; divert — **put on** **1** to clothe oneself with **2** to pretend **3** to stage (a play) **4** [Slang] to fool; hoax —**put out** **1** to expel; dismiss **2** to extinguish (a fire or light) **3** to inconvenience **4** *Baseball* to retire (a batter or runner) —**put through** **1** to carry out **2** to cause to do or undergo — **put up** **1** to offer **2** to preserve (fruits, etc.) **3** to build **4** to provide lodgings for **5** to provide (money) **6** to arrange (the hair) with curlers, etc. **7** [Inf.] to incite *to* some action —**put up with** to tolerate

pu·ta·tive (pyōōt′ə tiv) ***adj.*** ‖< L *putare*, suppose‖ generally considered or deemed such; reputed

put′-down′ ***n.*** [Slang] a belittling remark or crushing retort

Pu·tin (pōō′tən), **Vlad·i·mir** (vlad′ə mir) 1952- ; president of Russia (2000-)

put′-on′ ***n.*** [Slang] a hoax

pu·tre·fy (pyōō′trə fī′) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** **-fied′**, **-fy′ing** ‖see PUTRID & -FY‖ to make or become putrid; rot —**pu′tre·fac′tion** (-fak′shən) ***n.***

pu·tres·cent (pyōō tres′ənt) ***adj.*** putrefying; rotting —**pu·tres′cence** ***n.***

pu·trid (pyōō′trid) ***adj.*** ‖< L *putrere*, to rot‖ rotten and foul-smelling

putt (put) ***n.*** ‖< PUT, v.‖ *Golf* a shot which attempts to roll the ball into the hole —***vt.***, ***vi.*** to hit (the ball) in making a putt

putt·er[1] (put′ər) ***n.*** *Golf* a short, straight-faced club used in putting

put·ter[2] (put′ər) ***vi.*** ‖< OE *potian*, to push‖ to busy oneself in an ineffective or aimless way (with *along*, *around*, etc.) —***vt.*** to fritter (*away*)

put·ty (put′ē) ***n.*** ‖Fr *potée*, lit., potful‖ a soft, plastic mixture of powdered chalk and linseed oil, used to fill small cracks, etc. —***vt.*** **-tied**, **-ty·ing** to cement or fill with putty

put′-up′ ***adj.*** [Inf.] planned secretly beforehand

puz·zle (puz′əl) ***vt.*** **-zled**, **-zling** ‖< ?‖ to perplex; bewilder —***vi.*** **1** to be perplexed **2** to exercise one's mind, as over a problem —***n.*** **1** something that puzzles **2** a toy or problem for testing skill or ingenuity —**puzzle out** to solve by deep study —**puz′zle·ment** ***n.*** — **puz′zler** ***n.***

PVC ***n.*** ‖*p*(*oly*)*v*(*inyl*) *c*(*hloride*)‖ a type of polymer used in packaging materials, plumbing, etc.

Pvt *abbrev. Mil.* Private

PX *service mark for* a general store at an army base

Pyg·my (pig′mē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-mies** ‖< Gr *pygmaios*, of a forearm's length‖ **1** a member of any of several groups of African or Asian peoples of small stature **2** [**p-**] a dwarf —***adj.*** **1** of the Pygmies **2** [**p-**] very small

py·ja·mas (pə jä′məz, -jam′əz) ***pl.n.*** *Brit. sp. of* PAJAMAS

py·lon (pī′län′) ***n.*** ‖Gr *pylōn*, gateway‖ **1** a gateway, as of an Egyptian temple

2 a towerlike structure supporting electric lines, marking a flight course, etc.

py·lo·rus (pī lôr′əs) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ri** (-rī) ⟦< Gr *pylōros*, gatekeeper⟧ the opening from the stomach into the duodenum —**py·lor′ic** ***adj.***

py·or·rhe·a (pī′ə rē′ə) ***n.*** ⟦< Gr *pyon*, pus + *rheein*, to flow⟧ a periodontal infection with formation of pus and loosening of teeth —**py′or·rhe′al** ***adj.***

pyr·a·mid (pir′ə mid) ***n.*** ⟦< Gr *pyramis*⟧ **1** a huge structure with a square base and four triangular sides meeting at the top, as a royal tomb of ancient Egypt **2** *Geom.* a solid figure with a polygonal base, the sides of which form the bases of triangular surfaces meeting at a common vertex —**py·ram·i·dal** (pi ram′i dəl) ***adj.***

pyre (pīr) ***n.*** ⟦< Gr *pyr*, fire⟧ a pile of wood on which a dead body is burned in funeral rites

Pyr·e·nees (pir′ə nēz′) mountain range between France & Spain

py·ret·ic (pī ret′ik) ***adj.*** ⟦< Gr *pyretos*, fever⟧ of, causing, or characterized by fever

Py·rex (pī′reks′) ⟦arbitrary coinage < *pie*⟧ *trademark for* a heat-resistant glassware used for cooking, lab work, etc.

py·rite (pī′rīt′) ***n.***, *pl.* **py·ri·tes** (pi rīt′ēz′, pī′rīts′) ⟦< Gr *pyritēs*, flint⟧ iron sulfide, a lustrous yellow mineral used as a source of sulfur

pyro- ⟦< Gr *pyr*, fire⟧ *combining form* fire, heat

py·ro·ma·ni·a (pī′rə mā′nē ə) ***n.*** ⟦ModL: see prec. & -MANIA⟧ a compulsion to start destructive fires —**py′ro·ma′ni·ac′** ***n., adj.***

py·ro·tech·nics (pī′rə tek′niks) ***pl.n.*** ⟦< Gr *pyr*, fire + *technē*, art⟧ **1** a display of fireworks **2** a dazzling display, as of wit

Pyr·rhic victory (pir′ik) ⟦after *Pyrrhus*, Gr king who won such victories over the Romans, 280 and 279 B.C.⟧ a too costly victory

Py·thag·o·ras (pi thag′ə rəs) 6th c. B.C.; Gr. philosopher & mathematician —**Py·thag′o·re′an** (-ə rē′ən) ***adj.***, ***n.***

py·thon (pī′thän′, -thən) ***n.*** ⟦< Gr *Pythōn*, a serpent slain by Apollo⟧ a large, nonpoisonous snake of Asia, Africa, and Australia, that squeezes its prey to death

Q

q[1] or **Q** (kyo͞o) ***n.***, *pl.* **q's, Q's** the 17th letter of the English alphabet

q[2] *abbrev.* **1** quart **2** question

Qa·tar (kä tär′) country on a peninsula of E Arabia, on the Persian Gulf: 4,416,000 sq. mi.; pop. 369,000

QC Quebec

Q.E.D. or **q.e.d.** *abbrev.* ⟦L *quod erat demonstrandum*⟧ which was to be demonstrated or proved

qt *abbrev.* quart(s)

q.t. ***n.*** ⟦< *q(uie)t*⟧ [Inf.] quiet: chiefly in **on the q.t.**, secretly: also **Q.T.**

qua (kwā, kwä) ***prep.*** ⟦L < *qui*, who⟧ in the function or character of; as *[*the President *qua* Commander in Chief*]*

quack[1] (kwak) ***vi.*** ⟦echoic⟧ to utter the sound or cry of a duck —***n.*** this sound

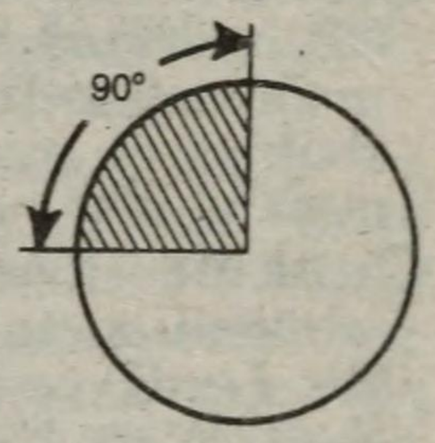
quack[2] (kwak) ***n.*** ⟦ult. < MDu *quacken*, to brag⟧ **1** a person who practices medicine fraudulently **2** one who falsely pretends to have knowledge or a skill —***adj.*** fraudulent —**quack′er·y** ***n.***

quad[1] (kwäd) ***n.*** *short for:* **1** QUADRANGLE **2** QUADRUPLET

quad[2] *abbrev.* **1** quadrangle **2** quadrant **3** quadruplicate

quad·ran·gle (kwä′draŋ′gəl) ***n.*** ⟦see QUADRI- & ANGLE[1]⟧ **1** *Geom.* a plane figure with four angles and four sides **2** an area surrounded on its four sides by buildings —**quad·ran′gu·lar** ***adj.***

quad·rant (kwä′drənt) ***n.*** ⟦< L *quadrans*, fourth part⟧ **1** an arc of 90° **2** a quarter section of a circle **3** an instrument formerly used in measuring angular elevation and altitude in navigation, etc.



QUADRANT

quad·rat·ic (kwä drat′ik) ***adj.*** *Algebra* involving a quantity or quantities that are squared but none that are raised to a higher power

quad·ren·ni·al (kwä dren′ē əl) ***adj.*** ⟦< L *quadri-* (see fol.) + *annus*, year⟧ **1** happening every four years **2** lasting four years

quadri- ⟦L < *quattuor*, four⟧ *combining form* four, four times

quad·ri·ceps (kwä′dri seps′) ***n.*** ⟦< prec. + L *caput*, the head⟧ a muscle with four points of origin; esp., the large muscle at the front of the thigh

quad·ri·lat·er·al (kwä′dri lat′ər əl) ***adj.*** ⟦see QUADRI- & LATERAL⟧ four-sided —***n.*** *Geom.* a plane figure having four sides and four angles

qua·drille (kwə dril′, kwä-) ***n.*** ⟦Fr: ult. < L *quadra*, a square⟧ a square dance performed by four couples

quad·ri·ple·gi·a (kwä′dri plē′jē ə, -jə) ***n.*** ⟦ModL < QUADRI- + Gr *plēgē*, a stroke⟧ total paralysis of the body from the neck down —**quad′ri·ple′gic** (-plē′jik) ***adj.***, ***n.***

quad·ru·ped (kwä′dro͞o ped′) ***n.*** ⟦< L *quadru-*, four + *pes*, foot⟧ an animal, esp. a mammal, with four feet

quad·ru·ple (kwä drōō′pəl) ***adj.*** ‖< L *quadru-*, four + *-plus*, -fold‖ **1** consisting of four **2** four times as much or as many —***n.*** an amount four times as much or as many —***vt.***, ***vi.*** **-pled**, **-pling** to make or become four times as much or as many

quad·ru·plet (kwä drōō′plit, -drup′lit) ***n.*** **1** any of four offspring from the same pregnancy **2** a collection or group of four, usually of one kind

quad·ru·pli·cate (kwä drōō′pli kāt′; *for adj. & n.*, -kit, -kāt′) ***vt.*** **-cat′ed**, **-cat′ing** to make four identical copies of —***adj.*** **1** fourfold **2** being the last of four identical copies —***n.*** any one of such copies —**in quadruplicate** in four such copies —**quad·ru′pli·ca′tion** ***n.***

quaff (kwäf, kwaf) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** ‖prob. < LowG *quassen*, overindulge‖ to drink deeply and heartily —***n.*** a quaffing

quag·mire (kwag′mīr′) ***n.*** ‖*quag*, a bog + MIRE‖ wet, boggy ground

qua·hog or **qua·haug** (kō′häg′) ***n.*** ‖AmInd‖ an edible clam of the E coast of North America

quail[1] (kwāl) ***vi.*** ‖prob. < L *coagulare*, coagulate‖ to recoil in fear

quail[2] (kwāl) ***n.*** ‖< OFr *quaille*‖ a small, short-tailed bird resembling a partridge

quaint (kwānt) ***adj.*** ‖< OFr *cointe* < L *cognitus*, known‖ **1** pleasingly odd or old-fashioned **2** unusual; curious **3** fanciful; whimsical —**quaint′ly** ***adv.*** —**quaint′ness** ***n.***

quake (kwāk) ***vi.*** **quaked**, **quak′ing** ‖< OE *cwacian*‖ **1** to tremble or shake **2** to shiver, as from fear or cold —***n.*** **1** a shaking or tremor **2** an earthquake —**quak′y**, **-i·er**, **-i·est**, ***adj.***

Quak·er (kwā′kər) ***n.*** ‖< founder's admonition to "quake" at the word of the Lord‖ *name for* a member of the SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

qual·i·fi·ca·tion (kwôl′ə fi kā′shən) ***n.*** **1** a qualifying or being qualified **2** a restriction; limiting condition **3** any skill, etc. that fits one for a job, office, etc.

qual·i·fied (kwôl′ə fīd′) ***adj.*** **1** fit; competent **2** limited; modified

qual′i·fi′er (-fī′ər) ***n.*** **1** one that qualifies **2** an adjective or adverb

qual′i·fy′ (-fī′) ***vt.*** **-fied′**, **-fy′ing** ‖< L *qualis*, of what kind + *facere*, make‖ **1** to make fit for a job, etc. **2** to make legally capable **3** to modify; restrict **4** to moderate; soften —***vi.*** to be or become qualified

qual′i·ta′tive (-tāt′iv) ***adj.*** having to do with quality or qualities —**qual′i·ta′tive·ly** ***adv.***

qual′i·ty (-tē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ties** ‖< L *qualis*, of what kind‖ **1** a characteristic element or attribute **2** basic nature; kind **3** the degree of excellence of a thing **4** excellence —***adj.*** of high quality

qualm (kwäm) ***n.*** ‖OE *cwealm*, disaster‖ **1** a sudden, brief feeling of sickness, faintness, etc. **2** a doubt; misgiving **3** a twinge of conscience

quan·da·ry (kwän′də rē, -drē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ries** ‖prob. < L‖ a state of uncertainty; dilemma

quan·ti·fy (kwänt′ə fī′) ***vt.*** **-fied′**, **-fy′ing** ‖< L *quantus*, how much + *facere*, make‖ **1** to determine or express the quantity of **2** to express as a quantity or number —**quan′ti·fi′er** ***n.***

quan′ti·ta′tive (-tāt′iv) ***adj.*** having to do with quantity

quan′ti·ty (-tē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ties** ‖< L *quantus*, how great‖ **1** an amount; portion **2** any indeterminate bulk or number **3** [*also pl.*] a great amount **4** that property by which a thing can be measured **5** a number or symbol expressing this property

quan·tum (kwän′təm) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ta** (-tə) ‖L, how much‖ *Physics* a fixed, elemental unit of energy: the **quantum theory** states that energy is radiated discontinuously in quanta

quantum jump (or **leap**) a sudden, extensive change

quar·an·tine (kwôr′ən tēn) ***n.*** ‖< L *quadraginta*, forty‖ **1** the period, orig. 40 days, during which a vessel suspected of carrying contagious disease is detained in port **2** any isolation imposed to keep contagious diseases, etc. from spreading —***vt.*** **-tined′**, **-tin′ing** to place under quarantine

quark (kwôrk) ***n.*** ‖arbitrary coinage‖ any of a set of elementary particles that bind together to form protons, neutrons, mesons, etc.

quar·rel (kwôr′əl) ***n.*** ‖< L *queri*, complain‖ **1** a cause for dispute **2** a dispute, esp. an angry one —***vi.*** **-reled** or **-relled**, **-rel·ing** or **-rel·ling** **1** to find fault **2** to dispute heatedly **3** to have a breach in friendship —**quar′rel·er** or **quar′rel·ler** ***n.*** —**quar′rel·some** ***adj.***

quar·ry[1] (kwôr′ē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ries** ‖< OFr *cuiree*, parts of prey fed to dogs‖ an animal, etc. being hunted

quar·ry[2] (kwôr′ē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ries** ‖< L *quadrare*, to square‖ a place where stone, slate, etc. is excavated —***vt.*** **-ried**, **-ry·ing** to excavate from a quarry

quart (kwôrt) ***n.*** ‖< L *quartus*, fourth‖ **1** ¼ gallon in liquid measure **2** ⅛ peck in dry measure

quar′ter (-ər) ***n.*** ‖< L *quartus*, fourth‖ **1** a fourth of something **2** *a*) one fourth of a year *b*) any of the three terms of about eleven weeks each in an academic year **3** one fourth of an hour **4** one fourth of a dollar; 25 cents, or a coin of this value **5** any leg of a four-legged animal, with the adjoining parts **6** a particular district or section **7** [*pl.*] lodgings **8** mercy granted to a surrendering foe **9** a particular source [news from high *quarters*] —***vt.*** **1** to divide into four equal parts **2** to provide lodgings for —***adj.*** constituting a quarter —**at close quarters** close together

quar′ter·back′ ***n.*** *Football* the offensive back who calls the play, passes the ball, etc.

quar′ter·deck′ ***n.*** the after part of the upper deck of a ship, usually for officers

quar′ter·fi′nal ***adj.*** coming just before the semifinals —***n.*** a quarterfinal match, etc.

quarter horse ‖< its speed in a

quarter-mile sprint] any of a breed of muscular, solid-colored horse

quar'ter·ly ***adj.*** occurring regularly four times a year —***adv.*** once every quarter of the year —***n.***, *pl.* **-lies** a publication issued every three months

quar'ter·mas'ter ***n.*** **1** *Mil.* an officer who provides troops with quarters, clothing, equipment, etc. **2** *Naut.* a petty officer or mate involved in steering and navigating a ship

quarter note *Music* a note having one fourth the duration of a whole note

quar·tet (kwôr tet') ***n.*** [ult. < L *quartus,* fourth] **1** a group of four **2** *Music a*) a composition for four voices or instruments *b*) the four performers of this

quar·to (kwôrt'ō) ***n.***, *pl.* **-tos** [< L (*in*) *quarto,* (in) a fourth] **1** the page size (about 9 by 12 in.) of a book made up of sheets each of which is folded twice to form four leaves, or eight pages **2** a book with pages of this size

quartz (kwôrts) ***n.*** [Ger *quarz*] a crystalline mineral, a form of silica, usually colorless and transparent

quartz crystal *Electronics* a piece of quartz cut and ground so as to vibrate at a particular frequency

qua·sar (kwā'zär') ***n.*** [< *quas*(*i-stell*)*ar* (*radio source*)] a distant celestial object that emits immense quantities of light and radio waves

quash[1] (kwäsh) ***vt.*** [< L *cassus,* empty] *Law* to set aside (an indictment)

quash[2] (kwäsh) ***vt.*** [< L *quatere,* to break] to quell (an uprising)

qua·si (kwā'zī', kwä'zē') ***adv.*** [L] as if; seemingly; in part —***adj.*** seeming Often hyphenated as a prefix *[quasi-*legal*]*

quat·rain (kwä'trān') ***n.*** [< L *quattuor,* four] a stanza of four lines

qua·ver (kwā'vər) ***vi.*** [ME *cwafien*] **1** to shake or tremble **2** to be tremulous: said of the voice —***n.*** a tremulous quality in a voice or tone

quay (kē) ***n.*** [ult. < Celt] a wharf, usually of concrete or stone

quea·sy (kwē'zē) ***adj.*** **-si·er, -si·est** [ME *qwesye* < Gmc] **1** affected with nausea **2** squeamish; easily nauseated

Que·bec (kwi bek') **1** province of E Canada: 594,860 sq. mi.; pop. 7,139,000: abbrev. *QC* **2** its capital, on the St. Lawrence River: pop. 167,000

queen (kwēn) ***n.*** [< OE *cwen*] **1** the wife of a king **2** a female monarch in her own right **3** a woman noted for her beauty or accomplishments **4** the fully developed, reproductive female in a colony of bees, ants, etc. **5** a playing card with a picture of a queen on it **6** *Chess* the most powerful piece —**queen'ly, -li·er, -li·est,** ***adj.***

Queens (kwēnz) borough of New York City, on W Long Island: pop. 1,952,000

queen'-size' ***adj.*** larger than usual, but smaller than king-size *[*a *queen-size* bed is 60 by 80 in.*]*

queer (kwir) ***adj.*** [< ? Ger *quer,* crosswise] **1** different from the usual; strange **2** [Inf.] eccentric —***vt.*** [Slang] to spoil the success of

quell (kwel) ***vt.*** [OE *cwellan,* kill] **1** to subdue **2** to quiet; allay

quench (kwench) ***vt.*** [OE *cwencan*] **1** to extinguish *[*to *quench* a fire with water*]* **2** to satisfy *[*to *quench* one's thirst*]* **3** to cool (hot steel, etc.) suddenly by plunging into water, etc. —**quench'less** ***adj.***

quer·u·lous (kwer'yo͞o ləs, -ə-) ***adj.*** [< L *queri,* complain] **1** inclined to find fault **2** full of complaint; peevish —**quer'u·lous·ly** ***adv.***

que·ry (kwir'ē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ries** [< L *quaerere,* ask] a question; inquiry —***vt.***, ***vi.*** **-ried, -ry·ing** to question

quest (kwest) ***n.*** [see prec.] **1** a seeking **2** a journey in pursuit of a lofty goal —***vi.*** to go in pursuit

ques·tion (kwes'chən) ***n.*** [see QUERY] **1** an asking; inquiry **2** something asked **3** doubt; uncertainty **4** a matter open to discussion **5** a difficult matter *[*it's not a *question* of money*]* **6** a point being debated before an assembly —***vt.*** **1** to ask questions of **2** to express doubt about **3** to dispute; challenge —***vi.*** to ask questions —**out of the question** impossible

ques'tion·a·ble ***adj.*** **1** that can be questioned or doubted **2** suspected of being immoral, dishonest, etc. **3** uncertain

question mark a mark of punctuation (?) put after a sentence, word, etc. to indicate a direct question or to express doubt, etc.

ques'tion·naire' (-chə ner') ***n.*** a written or printed set of questions used in gathering information from people

queue (kyo͞o) ***n.*** [< L *cauda,* tail] **1** a pigtail **2** [Chiefly Brit.] a line, as of persons waiting to be served **3** stored computer data or programs waiting to be processed —***vi.*** **queued, queu'ing** [Chiefly Brit.] to line up in a queue: often with *up*

quib·ble (kwib'əl) ***n.*** [< L *qui,* who] a petty evasion or criticism —***vi.*** **-bled, -bling** to evade the truth of a point under discussion by caviling

quiche (kēsh) ***n.*** a dish consisting of custard baked in a pastry shell with various ingredients, as bacon, cheese, or spinach

quick (kwik) ***adj.*** [< OE *cwicu,* living] **1** *a*) rapid; swift *[*a *quick* walk*]* *b*) prompt *[*a *quick* reply*]* **2** prompt to understand or learn *[*a *quick* mind*]* **3** easily stirred *[*a *quick* temper*]* —***adv.*** quickly; rapidly —***n.*** **1** the living: esp. in **the quick and the dead** **2** the sensitive flesh under the nails **3** the deepest feelings /hurt to the *quick]* —**quick'ly** ***adv.*** —**quick'ness** ***n.***

quick bread any bread leavened with baking powder, soda, etc. and baked as soon as the batter is mixed

quick'en ***vt.*** **1** to animate; enliven; revive **2** to cause to move more rapidly —***vi.*** **1** to become enlivened; revive **2** to begin to show signs of life, as a fetus **3** to become more rapid

quick'-freeze' ***vt.*** **-froze', -fro'zen, -freez'ing** to subject (food) to sudden

freezing for long storage

quick′ie *n.* [Inf.] anything done or made quickly and, often, cheaply

quick′lime′ *n.* unslaked lime

quick′sand′ *n.* ‖< ME: see QUICK & SAND‖ a loose, deep sand deposit, engulfing heavy objects easily

quick′sil′ver *n.* mercury

quick′-tem′pered *adj.* easily angered

quick′-wit′ted *adj.* mentally nimble

quid (kwid) *n.* ‖var. of CUD‖ a piece, as of tobacco, to be chewed

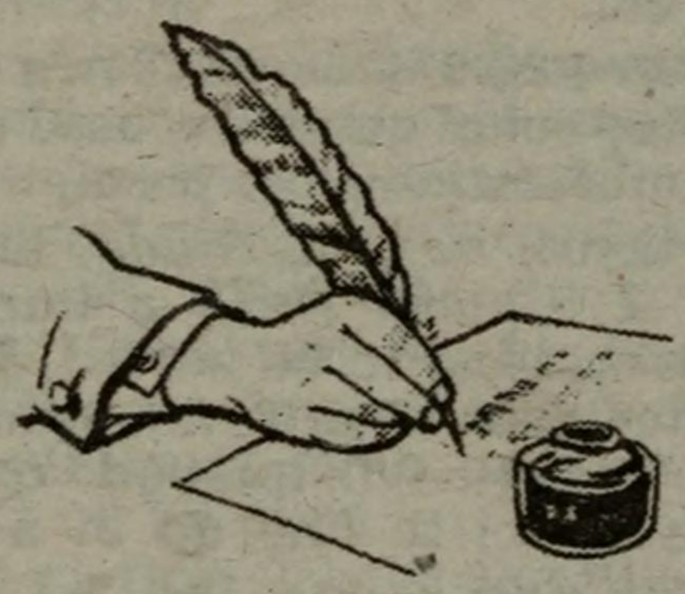
quid pro quo (kwid′ prō kwō′) ‖L‖ one thing in return for another

qui·es·cent (kwī es′ənt) *adj.* ‖< L *quiescere,* become quiet‖ still; inactive —**qui·es′cence** *n.*

qui·et (kwī′ət) *adj.* ‖< L *quies,* rest‖ **1** still; motionless **2** *a*) not noisy; hushed *b*) not speaking; silent **3** not easily excited **4** not showy **5** not forward; unobtrusive **6** peaceful and relaxing —*n.* **1** calmness, stillness, etc. **2** a quiet or peaceful quality —*vt.* to make quiet —*vi.* to become quiet: usually with *down* —**qui′et·ly** *adv.*

qui·e·tude (kwī′ə to͞od′) *n.* a state of being quiet; calmness

qui·e·tus (kwī ēt′əs) *n.* ‖< ML *quietus (est),* (he is) quit‖ **1** discharge from debt, etc. **2** death



QUILL

quill (kwil) *n.* ‖prob. < LowG or MDu‖ **1** a large, stiff feather **2** *a*) the hollow stem of a feather *b*) anything made from this, as a pen **3** a spine of a porcupine or hedgehog

quilt (kwilt) *n.* ‖< L *culcita,* bed‖ a bedcover filled with down, cotton, etc. and stitched together in lines or patterns —*vt.* to stitch like a quilt —*vi.* to make a quilt —**quilt′er** *n.*

quince (kwins) *n.* ‖< Gr *kydōnion*‖ **1** a yellowish, apple-shaped fruit, used in preserves **2** the tree it grows on

qui·nel·la (kwi nel′ə, kē-) *n.* ‖< AmSp < L *quinque,* five‖ a form of betting in horse-racing, in which the bettor, to win, must pick the first two finishers, in whichever order they finish: also **qui·nie·la** (kē nye′lə)

qui·nine (kwī′nīn′) *n.* ‖< *quina,* cinchona bark‖ a bitter, crystalline alkaloid extracted from cinchona bark, used for treating malaria

quin·tes·sence (kwin tes′əns) *n.* ‖< ML *quinta essentia*‖ the pure essence or perfect type

quin·tet or **quin·tette** (kwin tet′) *n.* ‖ult. < L *quintus,* a fifth‖ **1** a group of five **2** *Music a*) a composition for five voices or instruments *b*) the five performers of this

quin·tu·ple (kwin to͞o′pəl) *adj.* ‖< L *quintus,* a fifth + *-plex,* -fold‖ **1** consisting of five **2** five times as much or as many —*vt., vi.* **-pled, -pling** to make or become five times as much or as many

quin·tu·plet (kwin tup′lit, -to͞o′plit) *n.* **1** any of five offspring from the same pregnancy **2** a group of five, usually of one kind

quip (kwip) *n.* ‖< L *quippe,* indeed‖ a witty or sarcastic remark or reply —*vi.* **quipped, quip′ping** to utter quips —**quip′ster** *n.*

quire (kwīr) *n.* ‖< L *quaterni,* four each‖ a set of 24 or 25 sheets of paper of the same size and stock

quirk (kwu̇rk) *n.* ‖< ?‖ **1** a sudden twist or turn **2** a peculiarity —**quirk′i·ness** *n.* —**quirk′y, -i·er, -i·est,** *adj.*

quirt (kwu̇rt) *n.* ‖AmSp *cuarta*‖ a riding whip with a braided leather lash and a short handle

quis·ling (kwiz′liŋ) *n.* ‖after V. *Quisling,* Norw collaborator with the Nazis‖ a traitor

quit (kwit) *vt.* **quit, quit′ting** ‖< ML *quittus,* free‖ **1** to free (oneself) *of* **2** to stop having, using, or doing **3** to depart from **4** to resign from —*vi.* **1** to stop doing something **2** to give up one's job

quit′claim′ *n.* a deed relinquishing a claim, as to property

quite (kwīt) *adv.* ‖see QUIT‖ **1** completely **2** really; positively **3** very or fairly *[quite* warm*]* —**quite a few** (or **bit,** etc.) [Inf.] more than a few (or bit, etc.)

Qui·to (kē′tō) capital of Ecuador: pop. 1,101,000

quits (kwits) *adj.* ‖< ML *quittus,* free‖ on even terms, as by discharge of a debt, retaliation, etc. —**call it quits** [Inf.] **1** to stop working, etc. **2** to end an association

quit·tance (kwit′′ns) *n.* ‖see QUIT‖ **1** discharge from a debt **2** recompense

quit′ter *n.* [Inf.] one who quits or gives up easily, without trying hard

quiv·er[1] (kwiv′ər) *vi.* ‖< OE *curifer-,* eager‖ to shake tremulously; tremble —*n.* a quivering; tremor

quiv·er[2] (kwiv′ər) *n.* ‖< OFr *coivre*‖ a case for holding arrows

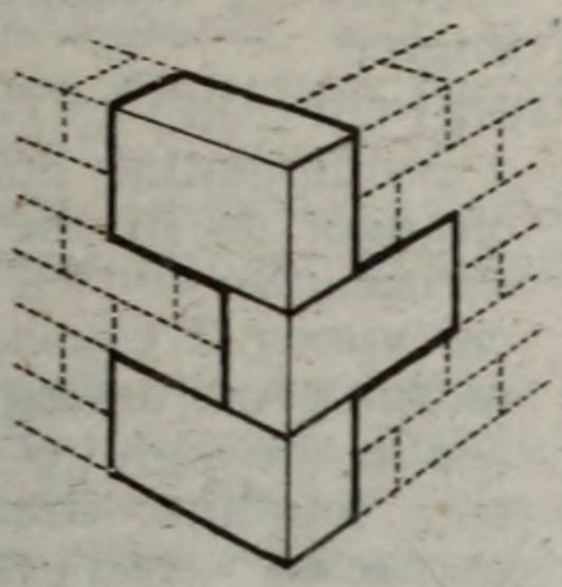
quix·ot·ic (kwik sät′ik) *adj.* ‖after DON QUIXOTE‖ extravagantly chivalrous or foolishly idealistic

quiz (kwiz) *n., pl.* **quiz′zes** ‖prob. < L *quis,* what‖ a questioning; esp., a short examination to test knowledge —*vt.* **quizzed, quiz′zing** to ask questions, or test the knowledge, of —**quiz′zer** *n.*

quiz′zi·cal (-i kəl) *adj.* **1** teasing **2** perplexed —**quiz′zi·cal·ly** *adv.*

quoin (kȯin, kwȯin) *n.* ‖var. of COIN‖ **1**

the external corner of a building; esp., any of the large stones at such a corner **2** a wedge-shaped block



QUOINS

quoit (kwoit) ***n.*** [prob. < OFr *coite,* a cushion] **1** a ring thrown in quoits **2** [*pl., with sing. v.*] a game somewhat like horseshoes, in which rings are thrown at a peg

quon·dam (kwän′dəm) ***adj.*** [L] former

Quon·set hut (kwän′sit) [< *Quonset*, a trademark] a prefabricated, metal shelter like a half cylinder on its flat side

quo·rum (kwôr′əm) ***n.*** [< L *qui,* who] the minimum number of members required to be present before an assembly can transact business

quot *abbrev.* quotation

quo·ta (kwōt′ə) ***n.*** [< L *quota pars,* how large a part] a share or proportion assigned to each of a number

quotation mark either of a pair of punctuation marks (“ . . . ”) used to enclose a direct quotation

quote (kwōt) ***vt.*** **quot′ed, quot′ing** [< L *quotus,* of what number] **1** to repeat a passage from or statement of **2** to repeat (a passage, statement, etc.) **3** to state the price of (something) —***n.*** [Inf.] **1** something quoted **2** QUOTATION MARK —**quot′a·ble** ***adj.*** —**quo·ta·tion** (kwō tā′shən) ***n.***

quoth (kwōth) ***vt.*** [< OE *cwethan,* speak] [Archaic] said

quo·tid·i·an (kwō tid′ē ən) ***adj.*** [< L *quotidie*] **1** daily **2** ordinary

quo·tient (kwō′shənt) ***n.*** [< L *quot,* how many] *Math.* the result obtained when one number is divided by another

Qu·ran or **Qu·r'an** (koo rän′) ***n.*** *var. of* KORAN

q.v. *abbrev.* [L *quod vide*] which see

R

r[1] or **R** (är) ***n.***, *pl.* **r's, R's** the 18th letter of the English alphabet

r[2] *abbrev.* radius

R[1] *trademark for* a film rating indicating that no one under 17 may be admitted unless accompanied by a parent or guardian

R[2] *abbrev.* **1** [L *Rex*] king **2** [L *Regina*] queen **3** Republican **4** right **5** River **6** Road **7** route **8** *Baseball* run(s): also **r**

Ra[1] (rä) ***n.*** *Egypt. Myth.* the sun god and chief deity

Ra[2] *Chem. symbol for* radium

rab·bet (rab′it) ***n.*** [< OFr *rabattre*, beat down] a cut made in a board so that another may be fitted into it —***vt.***, ***vi.*** to cut, or be joined by, a rabbet

rab·bi (rab′ī) ***n.***, *pl.* **-bis** [< Heb *rabi,* my master] an ordained teacher of the Jewish law

rab·bin·ate (rab′i nit, -nāt′) ***n.*** **1** the position of a rabbi **2** rabbis collectively —**rab·bi·ni·cal** (rə bin′i kəl) ***adj.***

rab·bit (rab′it) ***n.*** [ME *rabette*] a swift, burrowing mammal with soft fur and long ears

rabbit punch *Boxing* a short, sharp blow to the back of the neck

rab·ble (rab′əl) ***n.*** [< ?] a mob

rab′ble-rous′er (-rou′zər) ***n.*** one who tries to arouse people to violent action by appeals to emotions, prejudices, etc.

Ra·be·lais (rab′ə lā′), **Fran·çois** (frän swä′) 1494?-1553; Fr. satirist & humorist

Ra·be·lai·si·an (rab′ə lā′zhən, -zē ən) ***adj.*** [after prec.] broadly and coarsely humorous or satirical

rab·id (rab′id) ***adj.*** [< L *rabere,* to rage] **1** violent; raging **2** fanatic **3** of or having rabies

ra·bies (rā′bēz) ***n.*** [L, madness] an infectious disease characterized by convulsions, etc., transmitted to people by the bite of an infected animal

rac·coon (ra koōn′) ***n.*** [< AmInd *aroughcun*] **1** a small, tree-climbing, American mammal, with yellowish-gray fur and a black-ringed tail **2** its fur

race[1] (rās) ***n.*** [< ON *rās,* a running] **1** a competition of speed in running, etc. **2** any similar contest [*the race for mayor*] **3** a swift current of water, or its channel —***vi.*** **raced, rac′ing** **1** to take part in a race **2** to go or move swiftly —***vt.*** **1** to compete with in a race **2** to enter or run (a horse, etc.) in a race **3** to cause to go swiftly —**rac′er** ***n.***

race[2] (rās) ***n.*** [Fr < It *razza*] **1** any of the different varieties of human beings distinguished by physical traits, blood types, etc. **2** loosely, any geographical population sharing the same habits, ideas, etc. **3** any distinct group of people

race′horse′ ***n.*** a horse bred and trained for racing

ra·ceme (rā sēm′, rə-) ***n.*** [L *racemus,* cluster of grapes] a flower cluster having a central stem along which individual flowers grow on small stalks

race′track′ ***n.*** a course prepared for racing, esp. an oval track for horse races

race′way′ ***n.*** **1** a narrow channel for water **2** a racetrack for harness racing, drag racing, etc.

ra·cial (rā′shəl) ***adj.*** **1** of or characteristic of a RACE[2] **2** between races —**ra′cial·ly** ***adv.***

rac·i·ness (rā′sē nis) ***n.*** racy quality

racing form a chart, etc. of information about the horse races at a track or tracks

rac·ism (rā′siz′əm) ***n.*** the practice of

racial discrimination, segregation, etc. —**rac'ist** *n., adj.*

rack[1] (rak) *n.* [< LowG *rack*] **1** a framework, etc. for holding or displaying various things *[dish rack]* **2** a toothed bar into which a pinion, etc. meshes **3** an instrument of torture which stretches the victim's limbs —*vt.* **1** to arrange in or on a rack **2** to torture on a rack **3** to torment —**rack one's brains** to try hard to think of something —**rack up** [Slang] to score or achieve

rack[2] (rak) *n.* [var. of WRACK] used only in **go to rack and ruin**, to become ruined

rack[3] (rak) *n.* [< ? RACK[1]] the rib section of mutton: in full **rack of lamb**

rack·et[1] (rak'it) *n.* [prob. echoic] **1** a noisy confusion **2** *a*) a method or scheme for obtaining money illegally *b*) [Inf.] any dishonest practice

rack·et[2] (rak'it) *n.* [< Ar *rāḥa*(*t*), palm of the hand] a light bat for tennis, etc., with a network, as of catgut or nylon, in an oval frame attached to a handle: also **rac'quet**

rack·et·eer (rak'ə tir') *n.* one who obtains money illegally, as by fraud, extortion, etc. —**rack'et·eer'ing** *n.*

rac·on·teur (rak'än tur') *n.* [Fr < *raconter*, to recount] one skilled at telling stories or anecdotes

rac·quet·ball (rack'it bôl') *n.* a game like handball, but played with a short racket

rac·y (rā'sē) *adj.* **-i·er, -i·est** [RACE[2] + -Y[2]] **1** having the taste or quality of the genuine type *[racy* fruit*]* **2** lively; spirited **3** pungent **4** risqué

rad (rad) *n.* [< RAD(IATION)] a dosage of absorbed radiation

ra·dar (rā'där') *n.* [*ra*(*dio*) *d*(*etecting*) *a*(*nd*) *r*(*anging*)] an apparatus that transmits radio waves to a reflecting object, as an aircraft, to determine its location, speed, etc. by the reflected waves

ra'dar·scope' *n.* an oscilloscope that displays reflected radar wave signals

ra·di·al (rā'dē əl) *adj.* [< L *radius*, ray] **1** of or like a ray or rays; branching out from a center **2** of a radius

radial (ply) tire an automobile tire with plies of rubberized cords at right angles to the center line of the tread

ra·di·ant (rā'dē ənt) *adj.* [< L *radius*, ray] **1** shining brightly **2** showing pleasure, etc.; beaming **3** issuing (from a source) in or as in rays —**ra'di·ance** *n.* —**ra'di·ant·ly** *adv.*

ra·di·ate (rā'dē āt') *vi.* **-at'ed, -at'ing** [< L *radius*, ray] **1** to send out rays of heat, light, etc. **2** to branch out in lines from a center —*vt.* **1** to send out (heat, light, etc.) in rays **2** to give forth or spread (happiness, love, etc.)

ra'di·a'tion *n.* **1** a radiating **2** the rays sent out **3** energy emitted as nuclear particles, etc.

radiation sickness sickness produced by overexposure to X-rays, radioactive matter, etc.

ra'di·a'tor *n.* **1** an apparatus for radiating heat, as into a room **2** a device for circulating coolant, etc., as for a car engine

rad·i·cal (rad'i kəl) *adj.* [< L *radix*, root] **1** fundamental; basic **2** favoring basic change, as in the social or economic structure —*n.* **1** a person holding radical views **2** *Chem.* a group of two or more atoms acting as a single atom **3** *Math.* the sign ($\sqrt{\ }$) used with a quantity to show that its root is to be extracted —**rad'i·cal·ism'** *n.* —**rad'i·cal·ly** *adv.*

ra·dic·chio (rə dē'kyō) *n., pl.* **-chios** [It] a variety of chicory used in salads

ra·di·i (rā'dē ī') *n. alt. pl. of* RADIUS

ra·di·o (rā'dē ō') *n.* [< *radio*(*telegraphy*)] **1** the transmission of sounds or signals by electromagnetic waves directly through space to a receiving set **2** *pl.* **-os'** such a set **3** broadcasting by radio as an industry, entertainment, etc. —*adj.* **1** of, using, used in, or sent by radio **2** of electromagnetic wave frequencies between *c.* 10 kilohertz and *c.* 300,000 megahertz —*vt., vi.* **-oed', -o'ing** to transmit, or communicate with, by radio

radio- [< L *radius*, ray] *combining form* **1** ray, raylike **2** by radio **3** using radiant energy **4** radioactive *[radiotherapy]*

ra'di·o·ac'tive *adj.* giving off radiant energy in the form of particles or rays by the disintegration of atomic nuclei —**ra'di·o·ac·tiv'i·ty** *n.*

radio astronomy astronomy dealing with radio waves in space in order to obtain information about the universe

ra'di·o·gram' *n.* a message sent by radio

ra'di·o·i'so·tope' *n.* a radioactive isotope of a chemical element

ra·di·ol·o·gy (rā'dē äl'ə jē) *n.* the use of radiant energy, as X-rays, in medical diagnosis and therapy —**ra'di·ol'o·gist** *n.*

ra'di·o·paque' (-ō pāk') *adj.* [RADIO- + (O)PAQUE] not allowing the passage of X-rays, etc.

radio telescope a radio antenna for receiving and measuring radio waves from stars, spacecraft, etc.

ra'di·o·ther'a·py *n.* the treatment of disease by the use of X-rays or rays from a radioactive substance

rad·ish (rad'ish) *n.* [< L *radix*, root] **1** an annual plant with an edible root **2** the pungent root, eaten raw

ra·di·um (rā'dē əm) *n.* [< L *radius*, ray] a radioactive, metallic chemical element found in some uranium, which undergoes spontaneous atomic disintegration

ra·di·us (rā'dē əs) *n., pl.* **-di·i'** (-ī') or **-us·es** [L, ray] **1** any straight line from the center to the periphery of a circle or sphere **2** the circular area limited by the sweep of such a line *[within a radius* of two miles*]* **3** the shorter, thicker bone of the forearm

ra·don (rā'dän') *n.* [< RADIUM] a radioactive chemical element, a nonreactive gas, formed in the atomic disintegration of radium

RAF *abbrev.* Royal Air Force

raf·fi·a (raf′ē ə) *n.* [< native name] 1 a palm tree of Madagascar, with large leaves 2 fiber from its leaves, used as string or for weaving

raff·ish (raf′ish) *adj.* [(RIFF)RAFF + -ISH] 1 carelessly unconventional 2 vulgar; low

raf·fle (raf′əl) *n.* [ME *rafle*] a lottery in which each participant buys a chance to win a prize —*vt.* **-fled**, **-fling** to offer as a prize in a raffle: often with *off*

raft[1] (raft) *n.* [< ON *raptr*, a log] 1 a flat, buoyant structure of logs, etc. fastened together 2 a flat-bottomed, inflatable boat —*vi.* to travel on a raft

raft[2] (raft) *n.* [< Brit dial. *raff*, rubbish] [Inf.] a large quantity

raf·ter (raf′tər) *n.* [OE *ræfter*] any of the beams that slope from the ridge of a roof to the eaves

rag[1] (rag) *n.* [< ON *rögg*, tuft of hair] 1 a waste piece of cloth, esp. one old or torn 2 a small piece of cloth for dusting, etc. 3 [*pl.*] old, worn clothes

rag[2] (rag) *vt.* **ragged**, **rag′ging** [< ?] [Slang] to tease or scold: often with *on*

rag[3] (rag) *n.* a tune in ragtime

ra·ga (rä′gə) *n.* [Sans *rāga*, color] any of various melody patterns improvised on by Hindu musicians

rag·a·muf·fin (rag′ə muf′in) *n.* [ME *Ragamoffyn*, name of a demon] a poor, ragged child

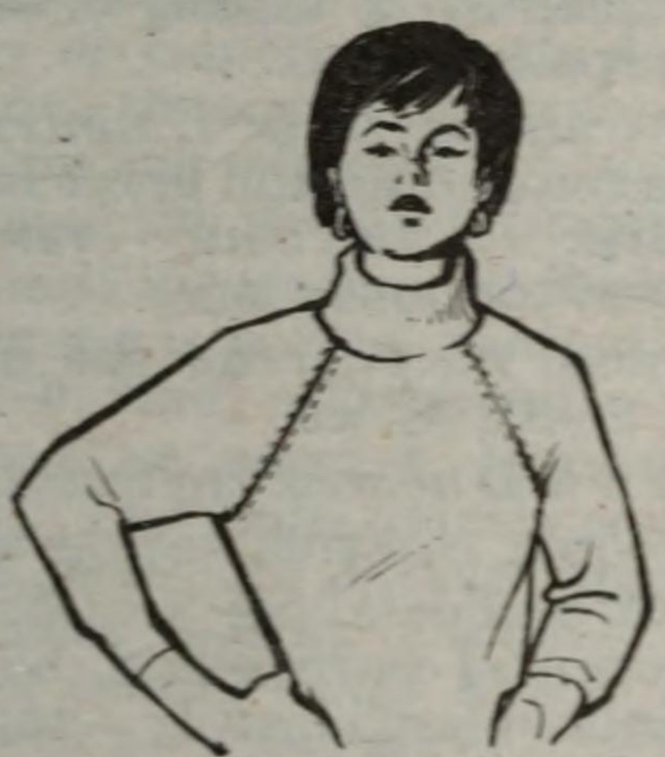
rag′bag′ *n.* 1 a bag for rags 2 a collection of odds and ends

rage (rāj) *n.* [< LL *rabia*, madness] 1 a furious, uncontrolled anger 2 a great force, violence, etc. —*vi.* **raged**, **rag′ing** 1 to show violent anger in action or speech 2 to be forceful, violent, etc. 3 to spread unchecked, as a disease —(all) **the rage** a fad

ragg (rag) *adj.* designating or made of sturdy yarn having a speckled pattern

rag·ged (rag′id) *adj.* 1 shabby or torn from wear 2 wearing shabby or torn clothes 3 uneven; imperfect 4 shaggy *[ragged* hair*]* —**run ragged** to tire out; exhaust —**rag′ged·ness** *n.*

rag′ged·y *adj.* tattered



RAGLAN SLEEVES

rag·lan (rag′lən) *n.* [after Lord *Raglan*, 19th-c. Brit general] a loose coat with sleeves that continue in one piece to the collar —*adj.* designating or having such a sleeve

ra·gout (ra gōō′) *n.* [< Fr *ragoûter*, revive the appetite of] a highly seasoned stew of meat and vegetables

rag′time′ *n.* [prob. < *ragged time*] 1 a type of American music (*c.* 1890-1920), with strong syncopation in even time 2 its rhythm

rag′weed′ *n.* [< its ragged-looking leaves] a weed whose pollen is a common cause of hay fever

rah (rä) *interj.* hurrah: used as by cheerleaders

raid (rād) *n.* [dial. var. of ROAD] 1 a sudden, hostile attack, esp. by troops or bandits 2 a sudden invasion of a place by police, for discovering violations of the law —*vt.*, *vi.* to make a raid (on) —**raid′er** *n.*

rail[1] (rāl) *n.* [< L *regula*, a rule] 1 a bar of wood, metal, etc. placed between posts as a barrier or support 2 any of the parallel metal bars forming a track for a railroad, etc. 3 railroad or railway —*vt.* to supply with rails or a railing —*adj.* of a railway or railroad

rail[2] (rāl) *vi.* [< LL *ragere*, to bellow] to speak bitterly; complain violently

rail[3] (rāl) *n.* [< Fr *raaler*, to screech] a marsh bird with a harsh cry

rail′ing *n.* 1 materials for rails 2 a fence, etc. made of rails and posts

rail·ler·y (rā′lər ē) *n.*, *pl.* **-ies** [see RAIL[2]] light, good-natured ridicule

rail′road′ *n.* 1 a track of parallel steel rails for a train 2 a complete system of such tracks, trains, etc. —*vt.* 1 to transport by railroad 2 [Inf.] to rush through quickly, so as to prevent careful consideration —*vi.* to work on a railroad —**rail′road′er** *n.* —**rail′road′ing** *n.*

rail′way′ *n.* 1 any track with rails for guiding wheels 2 RAILROAD

rai·ment (rā′mənt) *n.* [see ARRAY & -MENT] [Archaic] clothing; attire

rain (rān) *n.* [OE *regn*] 1 water falling in drops condensed from the atmosphere 2 the falling of such drops 3 a rapid falling of many small objects —*vi.* 1 to fall: said of rain 2 to fall like rain —*vt.* 1 to pour down 2 to give in large quantities —**rain out** to cause (an event) to be postponed because of rain —**rain′y**, **-i·er**, **-i·est**, *adj.*

rain′bow′ (-bō′) *n.* [OE *regnboga*] an arc containing the colors of the spectrum, formed in the sky by the refraction, reflection, and dispersion of light in rain or fog

rain check a ticket stub to a ballgame, etc. allowing future admission if the event is rained out

rain′coat′ *n.* a water-repellent coat

rain′drop′ *n.* a single drop of rain

rain′fall′ *n.* 1 a falling of rain 2 the amount of rain over a given area during a given time

rain forest a dense, evergreen forest in a rainy tropical region

rain′storm′ *n.* a storm with heavy rain

rain′wa′ter *n.* water that is falling or has fallen as rain

raise (rāz) *vt.* **raised**, **rais′ing** [< ON *reisa*] 1 to cause to rise; lift 2 to construct; build 3 to increase in size, intensity, amount, degree, etc. *[*to *raise*

prices, *raise* one's voice*]* **4** to provoke; inspire **5** to present for consideration *[raise* a question*]* **6** to collect (an army, money, etc.) **7** to end *[raise* a siege*]* **8** *a*) to cause to grow *b*) to rear (children) —***n.*** **1** a raising **2** an increase in salary or in a bet —**raise Cain** (or **hell,** etc.) [Slang] to create a disturbance

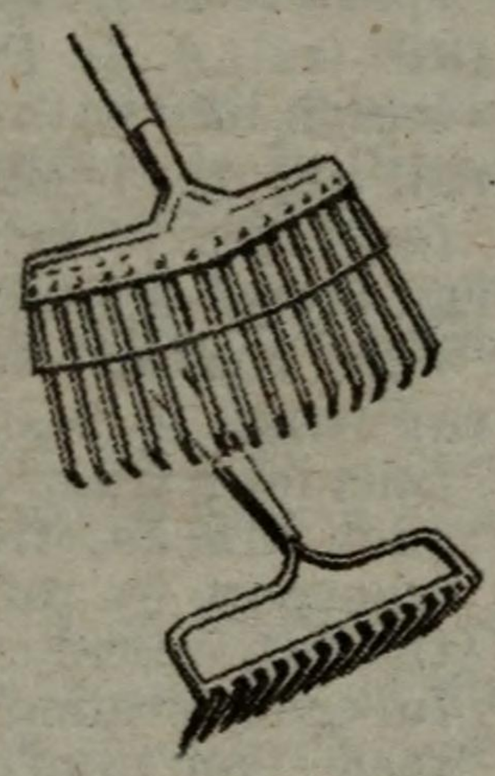
rai·sin (rā′zən) ***n.*** ‖< L *racemus,* cluster of grapes‖ a dried sweet grape

rai·son d'être (rā′zōn det′, det′rə) ‖Fr‖ reason for being; justification for existence

raj (räj) ***n.*** ‖Hindi: see fol.‖ in India, rule; government —**the Raj** the British government in, or its dominion over, India

ra·jah or **ra·ja** (rä′jə) ***n.*** ‖< Sans *rāj,* to rule‖ a prince in India

rake[1] (rāk) ***n.*** ‖OE *raca*‖ a long-handled tool with teeth at one end, for gathering loose hay, leaves, etc. —***vt.*** **raked, rak′ing** **1** to gather or smooth with a rake **2** to search through minutely **3** to direct gunfire along (a line of troops, etc.) —**rake in** to gather a great amount of rapidly —**rake up** to uncover facts or gossip about (the past, etc.)



RAKES

rake[2] (rāk) ***n.*** ‖contr. of *rakehell*‖ a dissolute, debauched man

rake[3] (rāk) ***vi., vt.*** **raked, rak′ing** ‖< ?‖ to slant —***n.*** a slanting

rake′-off′ ***n.*** [Slang] a commission or rebate, esp. when illegitimate

rak·ish (rāk′ish) ***adj.*** ‖< RAKE[3] + -ISH‖ **1** having a trim appearance suggesting speed: said of a ship **2** dashing; jaunty —**rak′ish·ly** ***adv.***

Ra·legh or **Ra·leigh** (rô′lē, rä′lē), Sir **Wal·ter** (wôl′tər) 1552?-1618; Eng. explorer & poet

Ra·leigh (rô′lē, rä′lē) capital of North Carolina: pop. 212,000

ral·ly[1] (ral′ē) ***vt., vi.*** **-lied, -ly·ing** ‖< OFr *re-,* again + *alier,* join‖ **1** to bring back together in, or come back to, a state of order: said as of troops **2** to bring or come together for a common purpose **3** to recover; revive —***n.,*** *pl.* **-lies** **1** a rallying or being rallied; esp., a gathering of people for some purpose **2** an organized automobile run designed to test driving skills

ral·ly[2] (ral′ē) ***vt., vi.*** **-lied, -ly·ing** ‖see RAIL[2]‖ to tease or ridicule

ram (ram) ***n.*** ‖OE *ramm*‖ **1** a male sheep **2** BATTERING RAM —***vt.*** **rammed, ram′ming** **1** to strike against with great force **2** to force into place; press down

RAM (ram) ***n.*** random-access memory

ram·ble (ram′bəl) ***vi.*** **-bled, -bling** ‖< ME *romen*‖ **1** to roam about; esp., to stroll about idly **2** to talk or write aimlessly **3** to spread in all directions, as a vine does —***n.*** a stroll

ram′bler (-blər) ***n.*** a person or thing that rambles; esp., a climbing rose

ram·bunc·tious (ram buŋk′shəs) ***adj.*** ‖altered, (after RAM) < earlier *rambustious*‖ disorderly, boisterous, unruly, etc. —**ram·bunc′tious·ness** ***n.***

ram·e·kin or **ram·e·quin** (ram′ə kin) ***n.*** ‖< Fr < MDu‖ a small individual baking dish

ra·men (rä′mən) ***pl.n.*** [*sometimes with sing. v.*] Japanese wheat noodles

ram·i·fy (ram′ə fī′) ***vt., vi.*** **-fied′, -fy′ing** ‖< L *ramus,* a branch + *facere,* make‖ to divide or spread out into branches or branchlike divisions —**ram′i·fi·ca′tion** ***n.***

ramp (ramp) ***n.*** ‖< OFr *ramper,* to climb‖ **1** a sloping surface, walk, etc. joining different levels **2** a means for boarding a plane, as a movable staircase **3** a sloping runway, as for launching boats

ram·page (ram′pāj′) ***vi.*** **-paged′, -pag′ing** to rush about wildly; rage —***n.*** an outbreak of violent, raging behavior: chiefly in **on the** (or **a**) **rampage**

ramp·ant (ram′pənt) ***adj.*** ‖< OFr *ramper,* to climb‖ growing unchecked; widespread

ram·part (ram′pärt′, -pərt) ***n.*** ‖< Fr *re-,* again + *emparer,* fortify‖ an embankment of earth surmounted by a parapet for defending a fort, etc.

ram′rod′ ***n.*** a rod for ramming down the charge in a muzzle-loading gun

ram·shack·le (ram′shak′əl) ***adj.*** ‖< RANSACK‖ loose and rickety; likely to fall to pieces

ran (ran) ***vi., vt.*** *pt. of* RUN

ranch (ranch) ***n.*** ‖< Sp *rancho,* small farm‖ **1** a large farm, esp. in the W U.S., for raising cattle, horses, or sheep **2** a style of house with all the rooms on one floor: in full **ranch house** —***vi.*** to work on or manage a ranch —**ranch′er** ***n.***

ranch dressing creamy buttermilk salad dressing

ran·cid (ran′sid) ***adj.*** ‖< L *rancere,* to be rank‖ smelling or tasting of stale fats or oils; spoiled

ran·cor (raŋ′kər) ***n.*** ‖< L *rancere,* to be rank‖ a continuing and bitter hate or ill will: Brit. sp. **ran′cour** —**ran′cor·ous** ***adj.*** —**ran′cor·ous·ly** ***adv.***

rand (rand) ***n., pl.*** **rand** the monetary unit of South Africa

R & B or **r & b** *abbrev.* rhythm and blues

R & D *abbrev.* research and development

ran·dom (ran′dəm) ***adj.*** ‖< OFr *randir,* run violently‖ purposeless; haphazard —**at random** haphazardly —**ran′dom·ly** ***adv.***

ran′dom-ac′cess ***adj.*** *Comput.* of a kind of memory that allows data to be directly accessible

ran′dom·ize′ (-īz′) ***vt.*** **-ized′, -iz′ing** to select or choose (items of a group) in a random order

ran·dy (ran′dē) ***adj.*** **-di·er, -di·est** [Chiefly Scot.] amorous; lustful

rang (raŋ) ***vi., vt.*** *pt. of* RING[1]

range (rānj) ***vt.*** **ranged, rang′ing** ‖< OFr

renc, a ring] **1** to arrange in order; set in a row or rows **2** to place (esp. oneself) with others in a cause, etc. **3** to roam through —***vi.*** **1** to extend in a given direction **2** to roam **3** to vary between stated limits —***n.*** **1** a row, line, or series **2** a series of connected mountains **3** the distance that a weapon can fire its projectile **4** *a*) a place for shooting practice *b*) a place for testing rockets in flight **5** extent; scope **6** a large, open area for grazing livestock **7** the limits of possible variations of amount, degree, pitch, etc. *[a wide range of prices]* **8** a cooking stove

rang·er (rān′jər) ***n.*** **1** *a*) a mounted trooper who patrols a region *b*) [*often* **R-**] a soldier trained for raiding and close combat **2** a warden who patrols parks and forests

Ran·goon (ran go͞on′) *former name for* YANGON

rang·y (rān′jē) ***adj.*** **-i·er, -i·est** long-limbed and slender —**rang′i·ness** ***n.***

rank[1] (raŋk) ***n.*** [< OFr *ranc*] **1** a row, line, or series **2** a social class **3** a high position in society **4** an official grade *[the rank of major]* **5** a relative position in a scale *[a poet of the first rank]* **6** *a*) a row of soldiers, etc. placed side by side *b*) [*pl.*] the army; esp., enlisted soldiers —***vt.*** **1** to place in a rank **2** to assign a position to **3** to outrank —***vi.*** to hold a certain position —**rank and file** **1** enlisted soldiers **2** the common people, as distinguished from leaders

rank[2] (raŋk) ***adj.*** [OE *ranc*, strong] **1** growing vigorously and coarsely *[rank grass]* **2** strong and offensive in smell or taste **3** in bad taste **4** complete; utter *[rank deceit]*

rank′ing ***adj.*** **1** of the highest rank **2** prominent or outstanding

ran·kle (raŋ′kəl) ***vi.***, ***vt.*** **-kled, -kling** [ult. < L dim. of *draco*, dragon] **1** [Obs.] to fester **2** to cause, or cause to have, long-lasting anger, rancor, etc.

ran·sack (ran′sak′) ***vt.*** [< ON *rann*, house + *sækja*, seek] **1** to search thoroughly **2** to plunder

ran·som (ran′səm) ***n.*** [see REDEEM] **1** the redeeming of a captive by paying money or complying with demands **2** the price thus paid or demanded —***vt.*** to obtain the release of (a captive, etc.) by paying the demanded price

rant (rant) ***vi.***, ***vt.*** [< obs. Du *ranten*] to talk or say in a loud, wild, extravagant way —***n.*** loud, wild speech

rap (rap) ***vt.*** **rapped, rap′ping** [prob. echoic] **1** to strike quickly and sharply; tap **2** [Slang] to criticize sharply —***vi.*** **1** to knock sharply **2** [Slang] to talk —***n.*** **1** a quick, sharp knock **2** [Slang] blame or punishment **3** [Slang] a chat or serious discussion **4** a kind of popular music in which rhymed verses are chanted over repetitive rhythms

ra·pa·cious (rə pā′shəs) ***adj.*** [< L *rapere*, seize] **1** greedy; voracious **2** predatory —**ra·pa′cious·ly** ***adv.*** —**ra·pac′i·ty** (-pas′ə tē) ***n.***

rape[1] (rāp) ***n.*** [prob. < L *rapere*, seize] **1** the crime of having sexual intercourse with a person forcibly and without consent **2** the plundering (*of* a city, etc.), as in warfare —***vt.*** **raped, rap′ing** **1** to commit rape on; violate **2** to plunder or destroy —***vi.*** to commit rape —**rap′ist** ***n.***

rape[2] (rāp) ***n.*** [< L *rapa*, turnip] an annual plant whose leaves are used for fodder

Raph·a·el (ra′fə el′, -fī-) 1483-1520; It. painter & architect

rap·id (rap′id) ***adj.*** [< L *rapere*, to rush] moving or occurring with speed; swift; quick —***n.*** [*usually pl.*] a part of a river where the current is swift —**ra·pid·i·ty** (rə pid′ə tē) ***n.*** —**rap′id·ly** ***adv.***

rapid transit a system of public transportation in an urban area, using electric trains along an unimpeded right of way

ra·pi·er (rā′pē ər) ***n.*** [Fr *rapière*] a light, sharp-pointed sword used only for thrusting

rap·ine (rap′in) ***n.*** [< L *rapere*, seize] plunder; pillage

rap·pel (ra pel′) ***n.*** [Fr, lit., a recall] a descent by a mountain climber, using a double rope around the body to control the slide downward —***vi.*** **-pelled′, -pel′ling** to make such a descent

rap′per ***n.*** a performer of rap music

rap·port (ra pôr′) ***n.*** [Fr] close relationship; harmony

rap·proche·ment (ra′prōsh män′) ***n.*** [Fr] an establishing of friendly relations

rap·scal·lion (rap skal′yən) ***n.*** [< RASCAL] ROGUE

rap sheet [Slang] one's police record of arrests and convictions

rapt (rapt) ***adj.*** [< L *rapere*, seize] **1** carried away with joy, love, etc. **2** completely engrossed (*in* meditation, study, etc.)

rap·tor (rap′tər, -tôr′) ***n.*** [< L *rapere*, to snatch] a bird, as a hawk, that preys on other animals

rap·ture (rap′chər) ***n.*** the state of being carried away with joy, love, etc.; ecstasy —**rap′tur·ous** ***adj.*** —**rap′tur·ous·ly** ***adv.***

ra·ra a·vis (rer′ə ā′vis) *pl.* **ra·rae a·ves** (rer′ē ā′vēz) [L, lit., strange bird] an extraordinary person or thing

rare[1] (rer) ***adj.*** **rar′er, rar′est** [< L *rarus*] **1** not frequently encountered; scarce; unusual **2** unusually good; excellent **3** not dense *[rare atmosphere]* —**rare′ness** ***n.***

rare[2] (rer) ***adj.*** **rar′er, rar′est** [OE *hrere*] not completely cooked; partly raw: said esp. of meat —**rare′ness** ***n.***

rare[3] (rer) ***vi.*** **rared, rar′ing** [Inf.] to be eager: used in prp. *[raring to go]*

rare·bit (rer′bit) ***n.*** WELSH RABBIT

rar·e·fy (rer′ə fī′) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** **-fied′, -fy′ing** [< L *rarus*, RARE[1] + *facere*, make] to make or become less dense —**rar′e·fac′tion** (-fak′shən) ***n.***

rare·ly (rer′lē) ***adv.*** **1** infrequently; seldom **2** uncommonly

rar·i·ty (rer′ə tē) ***n.*** **1** a being rare; specif., *a*) scarcity *b*) lack of density **2** *pl.* **-ties** something remarkable or valuable because rare

ras·cal (ras′kəl) ***n.*** [< OFr *rascaille*, rab-

ble] **1** a rogue **2** a mischievous child —**ras·cal'i·ty** (-kal'ə tē) ***n.*** —**ras'cal·ly** ***adj.***, ***adv.***

rash[1] (rash) ***adj.*** [ME *rasch*] too hasty in acting or speaking; reckless —**rash'ly** ***adv.*** —**rash'ness** ***n.***

rash[2] (rash) ***n.*** [< OFr *rascaille*, rabble] **1** an eruption of spots on the skin **2** a sudden appearance of a large number of instances

rash'er ***n.*** [< L *radere*, to scrape] a thin slice of bacon, etc., or a serving of several such slices

rasp (rasp) ***vt.*** [< OHG *raspon*, to scrape together] **1** to scrape as with a file **2** to grate upon; irritate —***vi.*** **1** to grate **2** to make a rough, grating sound —***n.*** **1** a type of rough file **2** a rough, grating sound —**rasp'y**, **-i·er**, **-i·est**, ***adj.***

rasp·ber·ry (raz'ber'ē, -bər-) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ries** [< earlier *raspis*] **1** a small, juicy, edible reddish fruit of a plant related to the rose **2** this plant **3** [Slang] a sound of derision

rat (rat) ***n.*** [OE *ræt*] **1** a long-tailed rodent, resembling, but larger than, the mouse **2** [Slang] a sneaky, contemptible person; esp., an informer —***vi.*** **rat'ted**, **rat'ting** [Slang] to inform (*on*) —**smell a rat** to suspect a trick, plot, etc.

ratch·et (rach'it) ***n.*** [< It *rocca*, distaff] **1** a toothed wheel (in full **ratchet wheel**) or bar whose sloping teeth catch a pawl, preventing backward motion **2** such a pawl

rate[1] (rāt) ***n.*** [< L *reri*, reckon] **1** the amount, degree, etc. of anything in relation to units of something else *[rate* of pay*]* **2** price, esp. per unit —***vt.*** **rat'ed**, **rat'ing** **1** to appraise **2** to consider **3** [Inf.] to deserve —***vi.*** to have value, status, etc. —**at any rate** **1** in any event **2** anyway

rate[2] (rāt) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** **rat'ed**, **rat'ing** [< L *reputare*, to count] to scold; chide

rath·er (rath'ər) ***adv.*** [OE *hræthe*, quickly] **1** more willingly; preferably **2** with more justice, reason, etc. *[I, rather* than you, should pay*]* **3** more accurately *[*my son, or *rather*, stepson*]* **4** on the contrary **5** somewhat *[rather* hungry*]* —**rather than** instead of

rat'hole' ***n.*** a great waste of money, etc.

raths·kel·ler (rath'skel'ər) ***n.*** [Ger < *rat*, council, town hall + *keller*, cellar] a restaurant, usually below the street level, where beer is served

rat·i·fy (rat'ə fī') ***vt.*** **-fied'**, **-fy'ing** [< L *ratus*, reckoned + *facere*, make] to approve; esp., to give official sanction to —**rat'i·fi·ca'tion** ***n.***

rat·ing (rāt'iŋ) ***n.*** **1** a rank or grade, as of military personnel **2** a placement in a certain rank or class **3** an evaluation; appraisal **4** *Film* a classification, based on content, restricting the age of those who may attend **5** *Radio, TV* the relative popularity of a program according to sample polls

ra·tio (rā'shō, -shē ō') ***n.***, *pl.* **-tios** [L, a reckoning] a fixed relation in degree, number, etc. between two similar things; proportion

ra·ti·oc·i·nate (rash'ē äs'ə nāt') ***vi.*** **-nat'ed**, **-nat'ing** [see prec.] to think or argue logically; reason —**ra'ti·oc'i·na'tion** ***n.***

ra·tion (rash'ən, rā'shən) ***n.*** [see RATIO] **1** a fixed portion; share **2** a fixed allowance of food, as a daily allowance for a soldier **3** [*pl.*] food supply —***vt.*** **1** to supply with rations **2** to distribute (food, clothing, etc.) in rations, as in times of scarcity

ra·tion·al (rash'ən əl) ***adj.*** [see RATIO] **1** of or based on reasoning **2** able to reason; reasoning **3** sensible or sane —**ra'tion·al'i·ty** (-ə nal'ə tē) ***n.*** —**ra'tion·al·ly** ***adv.***

ra·tion·ale (rash'ə nal') ***n.*** [< L *rationalis*, rational] **1** the reasons or rational basis for something **2** an explanation of principles

ra'tion·al·ism' ***n.*** the practice of accepting reason as the only authority in determining one's opinions or course of action —**ra'tion·al·ist** ***n.***, ***adj.*** —**ra'tional·is'tic** ***adj.***

ra'tion·al·ize' ***vt.***, ***vi.*** **-ized'**, **-iz'ing** **1** to make or be rational or reasonable **2** to devise plausible explanations for (one's acts, beliefs, etc.), usually in self-deception —**ra'tion·al·i·za'tion** ***n.***

rat·line (rat'lin) ***n.*** [< ?] any of the horizontal ropes which join the shrouds of a ship and serve as a ladder: also sp. **rat'lin**

rat race [Slang] a mad scramble or intense struggle, as in the business world

rat·tan (ra tan') ***n.*** [Malay *rotan*] **1** a tall palm tree with long, slender, tough stems **2** its stem, used in making furniture, etc.

rat·tle (rat'l) ***vi.*** **-tled**, **-tling** [prob. echoic] **1** to make a series of sharp, short sounds **2** to chatter: often with *on* —***vt.*** **1** to cause to rattle **2** to confuse or upset —***n.*** **1** a series of sharp, short sounds **2** a series of horny rings at the end of a rattlesnake's tail **3** a baby's toy, a percussion instrument, etc. made to rattle when shaken

rat'tle·brain' ***n.*** a frivolous, talkative person —**rat'tle·brained'** ***adj.***

rat'tler ***n.*** a rattlesnake

rat'tle·snake' ***n.*** a poisonous American snake with horny rings at the end of the tail that rattle when shaken

rat'tle·trap' ***n.*** a rickety old car

rat'tling (-liŋ) ***adj.*** **1** that rattles **2** [Inf.] very fast, good, etc. —***adv.*** [Inf.] very *[a rattling* good time*]*

rat'trap' ***n.*** **1** a trap for rats **2** [Inf.] a dirty, run-down building

rat·ty (rat'ē) ***adj.*** **-ti·er**, **-ti·est** [Slang] shabby or run-down

rau·cous (rô'kəs) ***adj.*** [L *raucus*] **1** hoarse **2** loud and rowdy —**rau'cous·ly** ***adv.*** —**rau'cous·ness** ***n.***

raun·chy (rôn'chē) ***adj.*** **-chi·er**, **-chi·est** [< ?] [Slang] **1** dirty, sloppy, etc. **2** risqué, lustful, etc.

rav·age (rav'ij) ***n.*** [see RAVISH] destruction; ruin —***vt.*** **-aged**, **-ag·ing** to destroy violently; ruin

rave (rāv) ***vi.*** **raved**, **rav'ing** [< OFr

raver, roam] **1** to talk incoherently or wildly **2** to talk with great enthusiasm (*about*) —***n.*** [Inf.] a very enthusiastic commendation

rav·el (rav′əl) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** **-eled** or **-elled**, **-el·ing** or **-el·ling** [< MDu *ravelen*] to separate into its parts, esp. threads; fray —***n.*** a raveled part in a fabric

ra·ven (rā′vən) ***n.*** [OE *hræfn*] the largest crow, with a straight, sharp beak —***adj.*** black and lustrous

rav·en·ing (rav′ə niŋ) ***adj.*** [ult. < L *rapere*, seize] greedily searching for prey *[ravening* wolves*]*

rav·e·nous (rav′ə nəs) ***adj.*** [< L *rapere*, seize] **1** greedily hungry **2** rapacious —**rav′e·nous·ly** ***adv.***

ra·vine (rə vēn′) ***n.*** [Fr, flood] a long, deep hollow in the earth, esp. one worn by a stream; gorge

rav′ing ***adj.*** **1** that raves; frenzied **2** [Inf.] exciting enthusiastic admiration *[a raving* beauty*]* —***adv.*** so as to cause raving *[raving* mad*]*

ra·vi·o·li (rav′ē ō′lē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-li** or **-lis** [It] small casings of dough filled with meat, cheese, etc.

rav·ish (rav′ish) ***vt.*** [< L *rapere*, seize] **1** to seize and carry away forcibly **2** to rape (a woman) **3** to transport with joy or delight —**rav′ish·ment** ***n.***

rav′ish·ing ***adj.*** causing great joy

raw (rô) ***adj.*** [OE *hreaw*] **1** not cooked **2** in its natural condition; not processed *[raw* silk*]* **3** inexperienced *[a raw* recruit*]* **4** abraded and sore **5** uncomfortably cold and damp *[a raw* wind*]* **6** brutal, coarse, indecent, etc. **7** [Inf.] harsh or unfair *[a raw* deal*]* —**in the raw** **1** in the natural state **2** naked —**raw′ness** ***n.***

raw bar a place serving uncooked shellfish

raw′boned′ (-bōnd′) ***adj.*** lean; gaunt

raw′hide′ ***n.*** **1** an untanned cattle hide **2** a whip made of this

ray[1] (rā) ***n.*** [< L *radius*] **1** any of the thin lines, or beams, of light that appear to come from a bright source **2** any of several lines radiating from a center **3** a tiny amount *[a ray* of hope*]* **4** a beam of radiant energy, radioactive particles, etc.

ray[2] (rā) ***n.*** [< L *raia*] a cartilaginous fish with a broad, flat body, widely expanded fins on both sides, and a whiplike tail

ray·on (rā′än) ***n.*** [< RAY[1]] **1** a textile fiber made from a cellulose solution **2** a fabric of such fibers

raze (rāz) ***vt.*** **razed**, **raz′ing** [< L *radere*, to scrape] to tear down completely; demolish

ra·zor (rā′zər) ***n.*** [see prec.] **1** a sharp-edged cutting instrument for shaving, cutting hair, etc. **2** SHAVER (sense 2)

razor wire sharp-edged wire, as for fences

razz (raz) ***vt.*** [< RASPBERRY] [Slang] to tease, ridicule, etc.

raz·zle-daz·zle (raz′əl daz′əl) ***n.*** [Slang] a flashy, deceptive display

razz·ma·tazz (raz′mə taz′) ***n.*** [prob. < prec.] [Slang] **1** lively spirit **2** flashy display

RBI or **rbi** ***n.***, *pl.* **RBIs** or **RBI**, **rbi's** or **rbi** *Baseball* run batted in

RC *abbrev.* Roman Catholic

rd *abbrev.* **1** rod **2** round

Rd *abbrev.* Road

RD *abbrev.* Rural Delivery

RDA *abbrev.* Recommended Daily (*or* Dietary) Allowance: the amount of protein, vitamins, etc. suggested for various age groups

re[1] (rā) ***n.*** [It] *Music* the second tone of the diatonic scale

re[2] (rē, rā) ***prep.*** [L < *res*, thing] in the matter of; as regards

re- [< Fr or L] *prefix* **1** back **2** again; anew It is sometimes hyphenated, as before a word beginning with *e* or to distinguish between such forms as *re-cover* (to cover again) and RECOVER The words in the following list can be understood if "again" or "anew" is added to the meaning of the base word:

reacquaint	**refinance**
reacquire	**reformulate**
readjust	**refuel**
readmit	**refurnish**
reaffirm	**rehear**
realign	**reheat**
reappear	**rehire**
reapply	**reinfect**
reappoint	**reinsert**
reappraise	**reinspect**
rearm	**reinvest**
reassemble	**reissue**
reassert	**rekindle**
reassess	**relearn**
reassign	**reload**
reawaken	**remake**
reborn	**remarry**
rebroadcast	**rematch**
rebuild	**remix**
recharge	**rename**
recheck	**renegotiate**
reclassify	**renominate**
recommence	**renumber**
reconquer	**reoccupy**
reconvene	**reoccur**
reconvert	**reopen**
recopy	**reorder**
re-cover	**repack**
redecorate	**repackage**
rededicate	**repaint**
redesign	**rephrase**
redirect	**replay**
rediscover	**re-press**
redistribute	**reprint**
redivide	**republish**
redraw	**reread**
reedit	**rerelease**
reeducate	**reroute**
reelect	**reschedule**
reembark	**resell**
reemerge	**reset**
reemphasize	**resettle**
reenact	**reshuffle**
reenlist	**respell**
reenter	**restate**
reestablish	**restring**
reevaluate	**restudy**
reexamine	**restyle**
reexplain	**resupply**
refashion	**retell**
refasten	**retest**

rethink **reuse**
retrain **revitalize**
retrial **reweigh**
reunite **rework**
reupholster **rezone**

reach (rēch) ***vt.*** [OE *ræcan*] **1** to thrust out (the hand, etc.) **2** to extend to by thrusting out, etc. **3** to obtain and hand over *[reach* me the salt*]* **4** to go as far as; attain **5** to influence; affect **6** to get in touch with, as by telephone —***vi.*** **1** to thrust out the hand, etc. **2** to extend in influence, space, amount, etc. **3** to carry: said of sight, sound, etc. **4** to try to get something —***n.*** **1** a stretching or thrusting out **2** the power of, or the extent covered in, stretching, obtaining, etc. **3** a continuous extent, esp. of water

re·act (rē akt′) ***vi.*** **1** to act in return or reciprocally **2** to act in opposition **3** to act in a reverse way; go back to a former condition, stage, etc. **4** to respond to a stimulus **5** *Chem.* to act with another substance in a chemical change

re·act·ant (rē ak′tənt) ***n.*** any substance involved in a chemical reaction

re·ac·tion (rē ak′shən) ***n.*** **1** a return or opposing action, etc. **2** a response, as to a stimulus or influence **3** a movement back to a former or less advanced condition; extreme conservatism **4** a chemical change

re·ac′tion·ar′y (-shə ner′ē) ***adj.*** of, characterized by, or advocating reaction, esp. in politics —***n.***, *pl.* **-ies** an advocate of reaction, esp. in politics

re·ac·ti·vate (rē ak′tə vāt′) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** **-vat′ed**, **-vat′ing** to make or be made active again; specif., to return (a military unit, ship, etc.) to active status —**re·ac′ti·va′tion** ***n.***

re·ac′tive (-tiv) ***adj.*** **1** tending to react **2** of, from, or showing reaction —**re′ac·tiv′i·ty** ***n.***

re·ac′tor (-tər) ***n.*** NUCLEAR REACTOR

read[1] (rēd) ***vt.*** **read** (red), **read·ing** (rēd′iŋ) [< OE *rædan,* to counsel] **1** to get the meaning of (writing) by interpreting the characters **2** to utter aloud (written matter) **3** to understand or interpret **4** to foretell (the future) **5** [Brit.] to study *[*to *read* law*]* **6** to register: said as of a gauge **7** [Slang] to hear and understand *[*I *read* you*]* **8** *Comput.* to access (data) from (a disk, tape, etc.) —***vi.*** **1** to read something written **2** to learn by reading: with *about* or *of* **3** to contain certain words —**read into** to attribute (a particular meaning) to —**read out of** to expel from (a group) —**read′a·bil′i·ty** ***n.*** —**read′a·ble** ***adj.*** —**read′er** ***n.***

read[2] (red) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** *pt. & pp. of* READ[1] —***adj.*** informed by reading *[*well-*read]*

read·er·ship (rēd′ər ship′) ***n.*** the people who read a certain publication, author, etc.

read·i·ly (red′ə lē) ***adv.*** **1** willingly **2** easily

read·ing (rēd′iŋ) ***n.*** **1** the act of one who reads **2** material to be read **3** the amount measured by a barometer, thermometer, etc. **4** a particular interpretation or performance

read·out (rēd′out′) ***n.*** **1** the retrieving of information from a computer **2** information from a computer, thermostat, etc. displayed visually or recorded, as on tape

read·y (red′ē) ***adj.*** **-i·er**, **-i·est** [OE *ræde*] **1** prepared to act or be used immediately **2** willing **3** likely or liable; apt *[ready* to cry*]* **4** dexterous **5** prompt *[*a *ready* reply*]* **6** available at once *[ready* cash*]* —***vt.*** **-ied**, **-y·ing** to prepare —**at the ready** prepared for immediate use —**read′i·ness** ***n.***

read′y-made′ ***adj.*** made so as to be ready for use or sale at once: also, as applied to clothing, **read′y-to-wear′**

Rea·gan (rā′gən), **Ron·ald** (**Wilson**) (rän′əld) 1911- ; 40th president of the U.S. (1981-89)

re·a·gent (rē ā′jənt) ***n.*** *Chem.* a substance used to detect, measure, or react with another substance

re·al (rē′əl, rēl) ***adj.*** [< L *res,* thing] **1** existing as or in fact; actual; true **2** authentic; genuine **3** *Law* of or relating to permanent, immovable things *[real* property*]* —***adv.*** [Inf.] very —**for real** [Slang] real or really

real estate **1** land, including the buildings, etc. on it **2** the buying and selling of this

re·al·ism (rē′ə liz′əm) ***n.*** **1** a tendency to face facts and be practical **2** the picturing in art and literature of people and things as they really appear to be —**re′al·ist** ***n.*** —**re′al·is′tic** ***adj.*** —**re′al·is′ti·cal·ly** ***adv.***

re·al·i·ty (rē al′ə tē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ties** **1** the quality or fact of being real **2** a person or thing that is real; fact —**in reality** in fact; actually

re·al·ize (rē′ə līz′) ***vt.*** **-ized′**, **-iz′ing** **1** to make real; achieve **2** to understand fully **3** to convert (assets, rights, etc.) into money **4** to gain; obtain *[*to *realize* a profit*]* **5** to be sold for (a specified sum) —**re′al·i·za′tion** ***n.***

re′al-life′ ***adj.*** actual; not imaginary

re′al·ly ***adv.*** **1** in reality **2** truly —***interj.*** indeed: used to express surprise, doubt, etc.

realm (relm) ***n.*** [see REGAL] **1** a kingdom **2** a region; sphere

Re·al·tor (rē′əl tər, -tôr′) *trademark for* a real estate broker or appraiser who is a member of the National Association of Realtors —***n.*** [**r-**] a real estate agent

re·al·ty (rē′əl tē) ***n.*** REAL ESTATE

ream[1] (rēm) ***n.*** [< Ar *rizma,* a bale] **1** a quantity of paper varying from 480 to 516 sheets **2** [*pl.*] [Inf.] a great amount

ream[2] (rēm) ***vt.*** [OE *reman*] to enlarge (a hole) as with a reamer

ream′er ***n.*** **1** a sharp-edged tool for enlarging or tapering holes **2** a juicer

re·an·i·mate (rē an′ə māt′) ***vt.*** **-mat′ed**, **-mat′ing** to give new life, power, or vigor to —**re·an′i·ma′tion** ***n.***

reap (rēp) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** [OE *ripan*] **1** to cut (grain) with a scythe, reaper, etc. **2** to gather (a harvest) **3** to obtain as the reward of action, etc.

reap'er *n.* **1** one who reaps **2** a machine for reaping grain

re·ap·por·tion (rē'ə pôr'shən) *vt.* to apportion again; specif., to change the distribution of (a legislature) so that members represent constituents equally —**re'ap·por'tion·ment** *n.*

rear[1] (rir) *n.* [see ARREARS] **1** the back part **2** the position behind or at the back **3** the part of an army, etc. farthest from the enemy **4** [Slang] the buttocks —*adj.* of, at, or in the rear —**bring up the rear** to come at the end

rear[2] (rir) *vt.* [OE *ræran*] **1** to put upright; elevate **2** to build; erect **3** to grow or breed **4** to educate, train, etc. *[to rear a child]* —*vi.* **1** to rise on the hind legs, as a horse does **2** to rise (*up*), in anger, etc. **3** to rise high

rear admiral a naval officer ranking above a captain

rear-end' *vt.* to crash into, or cause one's vehicle to crash into, the back end of (another vehicle)

rear'most' *adj.* farthest in the rear

re·ar·range (rē'ə rānj') *vt.* **-ranged'**, **-rang'ing** to arrange again or in a different way

rear'ward *adj.* at, in, or toward the rear —*adv.* toward the rear: also **rear'wards**

rea·son (rē'zən) *n.* [< L *ratio,* a reckoning] **1** an explanation of an act, idea, etc. **2** a cause or motive **3** the ability to think, draw conclusions, etc. **4** good sense **5** sanity —*vi., vt.* **1** to think logically (about); analyze **2** to argue or infer —**stand to reason** to be logical —**rea'son·ing** *n.*

rea'son·a·ble *adj.* **1** able to reason **2** fair; just **3** sensible **4** not excessive —**rea'son·a·bly** *adv.*

re·as·sure (rē'ə shoor') *vt.* **-sured'**, **-sur'ing** to restore to confidence —**re'as·sur'ance** *n.*

re·bate (rē'bāt') *vt.* **-bat'ed**, **-bat'ing** [< OFr *re-,* RE- + *abattre,* beat down] to give back (part of a payment) —*n.* a return of part of a payment

Re·bek·ah (ri bek'ə) *n. Bible* the wife of Isaac: also sp. **Re·bec'ca**

reb·el (reb'əl; *for v.* ri bel') *n.* [< L *re-,* again + *bellare,* wage war] one who resists authority —*adj.* **1** rebellious **2** of rebels —*vi.* **re·bel'**, **-belled'**, **-bel'ling** **1** to resist authority **2** to feel or show strong aversion

re·bel·lion (ri bel'yən) *n.* **1** armed resistance to one's government **2** a defiance of any authority

re·bel'lious (-yəs) *adj.* **1** resisting authority **2** opposing control; defiant

re·birth (rē bʉrth') *n.* **1** a new or second birth **2** a reawakening; revival

re·boot (rē bo͞ot') *vi., vt. Comput.* to boot again, as to restore normal operation

re·bound (ri bound'; *for n.* rē'bound') *vi.* to spring back, as upon impact —*n.* a rebounding, or a ball, etc. that rebounds —**on the rebound** **1** after it bounces back **2** just after being jilted

re·buff (ri buf') *n.* [< It *rabbuffare,* disarrange] **1** an abrupt refusal of offered advice, help, etc. **2** any repulse —*vt.* **1** to snub **2** to check or repulse

re·buke (ri by͞ok') *vt.* **-buked'**, **-buk'ing** [< OFr *re-,* back + *buchier,* to beat] to scold in a sharp way; reprimand —*n.* a reprimand

re·bus (rē'bəs) *n.* [L, lit., by things] a puzzle consisting of pictures, etc. combined to suggest words or phrases

re·but (ri but') *vt.* **-but'ted**, **-but'ting** [< OFr *re-,* back + *buter,* to thrust] to contradict or oppose, esp. in a formal manner by argument, proof, etc. —**re·but'tal** (-'l) *n.*

rec (rek) *n. short for* RECREATION: used in compounds, as **rec room**

re·cal·ci·trant (ri kal'si trənt) *adj.* [< L *re-,* back + *calcitrare,* to kick] **1** refusing to obey authority, etc. **2** hard to handle —**re·cal'ci·trance** *n.*

re·call (ri kôl'; *for n.* rē'kôl') *vt.* **1** to call back **2** to remember **3** to take back; revoke —*n.* **1** a recalling **2** memory **3** the removal of, or right to remove, an official from office by popular vote

re·cant (ri kant') *vt., vi.* [< L *re-,* back + *canere,* sing] to renounce formally (one's beliefs, remarks, etc.) —**re·can·ta·tion** (rē'kan tā'shən) *n.*

re·cap[1] (rē kap'; *also, and for n. always,* rē'kap') *vt.* **-capped'**, **-cap'ping** to put a new tread on (a worn tire) —*n.* such a tire

re·cap[2] (rē'kap') *n.* a recapitulation, or summary —*vt., vi.* **-capped'**, **-cap'ping** to recapitulate

re·ca·pit·u·late (rē'kə pich'ə lāt') *vi., vt.* **-lat'ed**, **-lat'ing** [see RE- & CAPITULATE] to repeat briefly; summarize —**re'ca·pit'u·la'tion** *n.*

re·cap·ture (rē kap'chər) *vt.* **-tured**, **-tur·ing** **1** to capture again; retake **2** to remember —*n.* a recapturing

recd or **rec'd** *abbrev.* received

re·cede (ri sēd') *vi.* **-ced'ed**, **-ced'ing** [see RE- & CEDE] **1** to go, move, or slope backward **2** to diminish

re·ceipt (ri sēt') *n.* [see RECEIVE] **1** *old-fashioned var. of* RECIPE **2** a receiving or being received **3** a written acknowledgment that something has been received **4** [*pl.*] the amount, as of money, received —*vt.* to write a receipt for (goods, etc.)

re·ceiv·a·ble (ri sē'və bəl) *adj.* **1** that can be received **2** due —*n.* [*pl.*] outstanding bills, loans, etc.

re·ceive (ri sēv') *vt.* **-ceived'**, **-ceiv'ing** [< L *re-,* back + *capere,* take] **1** to take or get (something given, thrown, sent, etc.) **2** to experience; undergo *[to receive* acclaim*]* **3** to bear or hold **4** to react to in a specified way **5** to learn *[to receive* news*]* **6** to let enter **7** to greet (visitors, etc.)

re·ceived' *adj.* accepted; considered as standard

re·ceiv'er *n.* one that receives; specif., *a)* a device that converts electrical waves or signals into audible or visual signals *b)* a football player designated to receive a forward pass *c)* one appointed by a court to administer or hold in trust property in bankruptcy or in a lawsuit —**re·ceiv'er·ship'** *n.*

re·cen·sion (ri sen′shən) ***n.*** [< L *recensere,* revise] a revision of a text based on a critical study of sources

re·cent (rē′sənt) ***adj.*** [< L *recens*] **1** done, made, etc. just before the present; new **2** of a time just before the present —**re′cent·ly** ***adv.***

re·cep·ta·cle (ri sep′tə kəl) ***n.*** [see RECEIVE] a container

re·cep·tion (ri sep′shən) ***n.*** **1** *a*) a receiving or being received *b*) the manner of this **2** a social function for the receiving of guests **3** *Radio, TV* the receiving of signals, with reference to the quality of reproduction

re·cep′tion·ist ***n.*** an office employee who receives callers, etc.

re·cep′tive ***adj.*** able or ready to accept new ideas, suggestions, etc.

re·cep′tor ***n.*** a nerve ending or group of nerve endings specialized for receiving stimuli

re·cess (rē′ses; *also, & for v. usually,* ri ses′) ***n.*** [< L *recedere,* recede] **1** a hollow place, as in a wall **2** a hidden or inner place **3** a temporary halting as of work, a session, etc. —***vt.*** **1** to place in a recess **2** to halt temporarily —***vi.*** to take a recess

re·ces·sion (ri sesh′ən) ***n.*** **1** a going back; withdrawal **2** a temporary falling off of business activity

re·ces′sion·al ***n.*** a piece of music at the end of a church service played when the clergy, etc. march out

re·ces·sive (ri ses′iv) ***adj.*** **1** tending to recede **2** *Genetics* designating or of that one of any pair of hereditary factors which remains latent —***n.*** *Genetics* a recessive character or characters

re·cher·ché (rə sher′shā, -sher′shā′) ***adj.*** [Fr] **1** rare; choice **2** refined; esp., too refined

re·cid·i·vism (ri sid′ə viz′əm) ***n.*** [< L *re-,* back + *cadere,* to fall] habitual or chronic relapse, esp. into crime

rec·i·pe (res′ə pē′) ***n.*** [L < *recipere,* receive] **1** a list of materials and directions for preparing a dish or drink **2** a way to achieve something

re·cip·i·ent (ri sip′ē ənt) ***n.*** [see RECEIVE] one that receives

re·cip·ro·cal (ri sip′rə kəl) ***adj.*** [< L *reciprocus,* returning] **1** done, given, etc. in return **2** mutual *[reciprocal* love*]* **3** corresponding but reversed **4** corresponding or complementary —***n.*** **1** a complement, counterpart, etc. **2** *Math.* the quantity resulting from the division of 1 by the given quantity *[*the *reciprocal* of 7 is $\frac{1}{7}$*]*

re·cip′ro·cate′ (-kāt′) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** **-cat′ed, -cat′ing** **1** to give and get reciprocally **2** to do, feel, etc. in return **3** to move alternately back and forth —**re·cip′ro·ca′tion** ***n.***

rec·i·proc·i·ty (res′ə präs′ə tē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ties** **1** reciprocal state **2** mutual exchange; esp., exchange of special privileges between two countries

re·cit·al (ri sīt′l) ***n.*** **1** a reciting **2** the account, story, etc. told **3** a musical or dance program

rec·i·ta·tion (res′ə tā′shən) ***n.*** **1** a reciting, as of facts, events, etc. **2** *a*) a saying aloud in public of something memorized *b*) a piece so presented **3** a reciting by pupils of answers to questions on a prepared lesson

rec′i·ta·tive′ (-tə tēv′) ***n.*** [< It: see fol.] a type of declamation, as for operatic dialogue, with the rhythms of speech, but in musical tones

re·cite (ri sīt′) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** **-cit′ed, -cit′ing** [see RE- & CITE] **1** to say aloud from memory, as a poem, lesson, etc. **2** to tell in detail; relate

reck·less (rek′lis) ***adj.*** [OE *recceleas*] careless; heedless —**reck′less·ly** ***adv.*** —**reck′less·ness** ***n.***

reck·on (rek′ən) ***vt.*** [OE *-recenian*] **1** to count; compute **2** to estimate **3** [Inf. or Dial.] to suppose —***vi.*** **1** to count up **2** [Inf.] to rely (*on*) —**reckon with** to take into consideration

reck′on·ing ***n.*** **1** count or computation **2** the settlement of an account

re·claim (ri klām′) ***vt.*** [see RE- & CLAIM] **1** to bring back (a person) from error, vice, etc. **2** to make (wasteland, etc.) usable **3** to recover (useful materials) from waste products —**rec·la·ma·tion** (rek′lə mā′shən) ***n.***

re·cline (ri klīn′) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** **-clined′, -clin′ing** [< L *re-,* back + *clinare,* lean] to lie or cause to lie down

re·clin′er ***n.*** an upholstered armchair with an adjustable back and seat for reclining: also **reclining chair**

rec·luse (rek′lo͞os, ri klo͞os′) ***n.*** [< L *re-,* back + *claudere,* shut] one who lives a secluded, solitary life

rec·og·ni·tion (rek′əg nish′ən) ***n.*** **1** a recognizing or being recognized **2** identification of a person or thing as having been known before

re·cog·ni·zance (ri käg′ni zəns, -kän′i-) ***n.*** [< L *re-,* again + *cognoscere,* know] *Law* a bond binding one to some act, as to appear in court

rec·og·nize (rek′əg nīz′) ***vt.*** **-nized′, -niz′ing** [see prec.] **1** to be aware of as someone or something known before **2** to know by some detail, as of appearance **3** to perceive **4** to accept as a fact *[*to *recognize* defeat*]* **5** to acknowledge as worthy of approval **6** to acknowledge the status of (a government, etc.) **7** to grant the right to speak in a meeting —**rec′og·niz′a·ble** ***adj.***

re·coil (ri koil′; *also for n.* rē′koil′) ***vi.*** [< L *re-,* back + *culus,* buttocks] **1** to draw back, as in fear, etc. **2** to spring or kick back, as a gun when fired —***n.*** a recoiling

rec·ol·lect (rek′ə lekt′) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** [see RE- & COLLECT] to remember, esp. with some effort —**rec′ol·lec′tion** ***n.***

re·com·bi·nant DNA (rē käm′bə nənt) DNA formed in the laboratory by splicing together pieces of DNA from different species, as to create new life forms

rec·om·mend (rek′ə mend′) ***vt.*** [see RE- & COMMEND] **1** to entrust **2** to suggest favorably as suited for some position, etc. **3** to make acceptable **4** to advise; counsel —**rec′om·men·da′tion** ***n.***

re·com·mit (rē′kə mit′) ***vt.*** **-mit′ted,**

-mit'ting 1 to commit again 2 to refer (a question, bill, etc.) back to a committee

rec·om·pense (rek'əm pens') ***vt.*** **-pensed'**, **-pens'ing** [see RE- & COMPENSATE] 1 to repay or reward 2 to compensate (a loss, etc.) —***n.*** 1 requital; reward 2 compensation

rec·on·cile (rek'ən sīl') ***vt.*** **-ciled'**, **-cil'ing** [see RE- & CONCILIATE] 1 to make friendly again 2 to settle (a quarrel, etc.) 3 to make (ideas, accounts, etc.) consistent 4 to make acquiescent (*to*) —**rec'on·cil'a·ble** ***adj.*** —**rec'on·cil'i·a'tion** (-sil'ē ā'shən) ***n.***

rec·on·dite (rek'ən dīt') ***adj.*** [< L *re-*, back + *condere*, to hide] beyond ordinary understanding; abstruse

re·con·di·tion (rē'kən dish'ən) ***vt.*** to put back in good condition, as by repairing

re·con·nais·sance (ri kän'ə səns) ***n.*** [Fr: see RECOGNIZANCE] a survey of a region, as in seeking out information about enemy positions

rec·on·noi·ter (rek'ə nɔit'ər, rē'kə-) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** to make a reconnaissance (of): also [Chiefly Brit.] **rec'on·noi'tre**, **-tred**, **-tring**

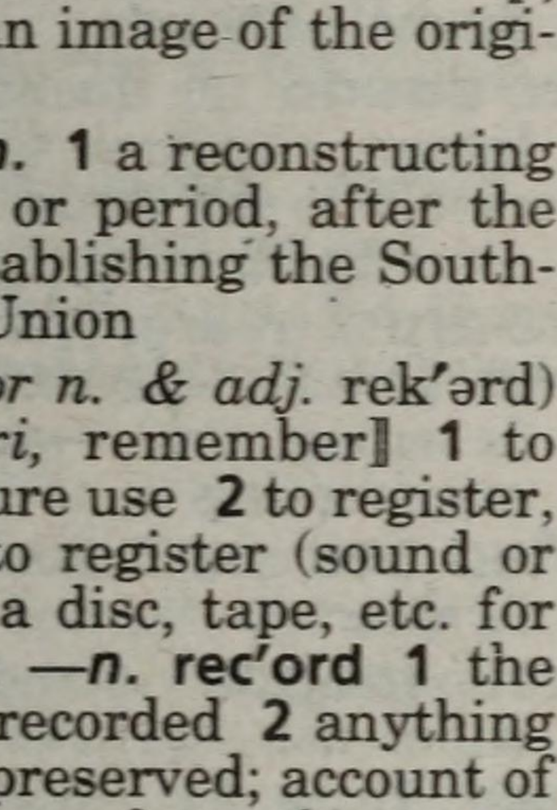
re·con·sid·er (rē'kən sid'ər) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** to think over again, esp. with a view to changing a decision

re·con·sti·tute (rē kän'stə to͞ot') ***vt.*** **-tut'ed**, **-tut'ing** to constitute again; specif., to restore (a dried or condensed substance) to its full liquid form by adding water

re·con·struct (rē'kən strukt') ***vt.*** 1 to construct again; rebuild 2 to build up, as from remains, an image of the original

re'con·struc'tion ***n.*** 1 a reconstructing 2 [R-] the process or period, after the Civil War, of reestablishing the Southern States in the Union

re·cord (ri kôrd'; *for n. & adj.* rek'ərd) ***vt.*** [< L *recordari*, remember] 1 to write down for future use 2 to register, as on a graph 3 to register (sound or visual images) on a disc, tape, etc. for later reproduction —***n.*** **rec'ord** 1 the condition of being recorded 2 anything written down and preserved; account of events 3 *a*) the known facts about anyone or anything *b*) the recorded crimes of a person 4 a grooved disc for playing on a phonograph 5 the best official performance achieved —***adj.*** **rec'ord** being the best, largest, etc. —**on** (or **off the**) **record** publicly (or confidentially) declared



RECORDER

re·cord'er ***n.*** 1 an official who keeps records 2 a machine or device that records; esp., a TAPE RECORDER 3 an early wind instrument

re·cord'ing ***n.*** 1 that which is recorded, as on a disc or tape 2 a record, disc, etc.

re·count[1] (ri kount') ***vt.*** [see RE- & COUNT[1]] to tell in detail; narrate

re·count[2] (rē'kount'; *for n.* rē'kount') ***vt.*** to count again —***n.*** a recounting, as of votes

re·coup (ri ko͞op') ***vt.*** [< Fr *re-*, again + *couper*, to cut] to make up for or regain *[to recoup a loss]*

re·course (rē'kôrs', ri kôrs') ***n.*** [see RE- & COURSE] 1 a turning for aid, safety, etc. 2 that to which one turns seeking aid, safety, etc.

re·cov·er (ri kuv'ər) ***vt.*** [< L *recuperare*] 1 to get back (something lost, etc.) 2 to regain (health, etc.) 3 to make up for *[to recover losses]* 4 to save (oneself) from a fall, etc. 5 to reclaim (land from the sea, etc.) 6 *Sports* to get control of (a fumbled ball, etc.) —***vi.*** 1 to regain health, balance, or control 2 *Sports* to regain control of a fumbled ball, etc.

re·cov'er·y ***n.***, *pl.* **-ies** a recovering; specif., *a*) a regaining of something lost *b*) a return to health *c*) a retrieval of a capsule, etc. after a spaceflight

recovery room a hospital room where postoperative patients are kept for close observation and care

rec·re·ant (rek'rē ənt) [Archaic] ***adj.*** [< OFr *recreire*, surrender allegiance] 1 cowardly 2 disloyal —***n.*** 1 a coward 2 a traitor

rec·re·a·tion (rek'rē ā'shən) ***n.*** [< L *recreare*, refresh] any form of play, amusement, etc. used to relax or refresh the body or mind —**rec're·ate'**, **-at'ed**, **-at'ing**, ***vt.***, ***vi.*** —**rec're·a'tion·al** ***adj.***

re·crim·i·nate (ri krim'ə nāt') ***vi.*** **-nat'ed**, **-nat'ing** [< L *re-*, back + *crimen*, offense] to answer an accuser by accusing that person in return —**re·crim'i·na'tion** ***n.***

re·cru·desce (rē'kro͞o des') ***vi.*** **-desced'**, **-desc'ing** [< L *re-*, again + *crudus*, raw] to break out again after being inactive —**re'cru·des'cence** ***n.*** —**re'cru·des'cent** ***adj.***

re·cruit (ri kro͞ot') ***vt.***, ***vi.*** [< L *re-*, again + *crescere*, grow] 1 to enlist (personnel) into an army or navy 2 to enlist (new members) for an organization —***n.*** 1 a newly enlisted or drafted soldier, etc. 2 a new member of any group —**re·cruit'er** ***n.***

rec·tal (rek'təl) ***adj.*** of, for, or near the rectum

rec·tan·gle (rek'taŋ'gəl) ***n.*** [< L *rectus*, straight + *angulus*, a corner] a four-sided plane figure with four right angles —**rec·tan'gu·lar** (-gyə lər) ***adj.***

rec·ti·fy (rek'tə fī') ***vt.*** **-fied'**, **-fy'ing** [< L *rectus*, straight + *facere*, make] 1 to put right; correct 2 *Elec.* to convert (alternating current) to direct current —**rec'ti·fi·ca'tion** ***n.*** —**rec'ti·fi'er** ***n.***

rec·ti·lin·e·ar (rek'tə lin'ē ər) ***adj.*** bounded or formed by straight lines

rec·ti·tude (rek'tə to͞od') ***n.*** [< L *rectus*, right] strict honesty; uprightness of character

rec·tor (rek'tər) ***n.*** [< L *regere*, to rule] 1 in some churches, a clergyman in

charge of a parish **2** the head of certain schools, colleges, etc.

rec·to·ry (rek′tər ē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ries** the house of a minister or priest

rec·tum (rek′təm) ***n.***, *pl.* **-tums** or **-ta** (-tə) [< L *rectum* (*intestinum*), straight (intestine)] the lowest, or last, segment of the large intestine

re·cum·bent (ri kum′bənt) ***adj.*** [< L *re-*, back + *-cumbere*, lie down] lying down; reclining

re·cu·per·ate (ri kōō′pə rāt′) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** **-at′ed, -at′ing** [< L *recuperare*, recover] **1** to get well again **2** to recover (losses, etc.) —**re·cu′per·a′tion** ***n.*** —**re·cu′per·a′tive** (-pə rāt′iv, -pə rə tiv) ***adj.***

re·cur (ri kʉr′) ***vi.*** **-curred′, -cur′ring** [< L *re-*, back + *currere*, run] **1** to return in thought, talk, etc. **2** to occur again or at intervals —**re·cur′rence** ***n.*** —**re·cur′rent** ***adj.***

re·cy·cle (rē sī′kəl) ***vt.*** **-cled, -cling** **1** to pass through a cycle again **2** to use again and again, as the same water **3** *a*) to process in order to use again [*to recycle* paper] *b*) to gather up and turn in (newspapers, etc.) for such processing

red (red) ***n.*** [OE *read*] **1** the color of blood **2** any red pigment **3** [*often* **R-**] [Inf.] a communist —***adj.*** **red′der, red′dest** **1** of the color red **2** [*often* **R-**] communist —**in the red** losing money —**see red** [Inf.] to become angry —**red′dish** ***adj.*** —**red′ness** ***n.***

re·dact (ri dakt′) ***vt.*** [< L *redigere*, get in order] to prepare for publication; edit —**re·dac′tion** ***n.*** —**re·dac′tor** ***n.***

red blood cell (or **corpuscle**) ERYTHROCYTE

red′-blood′ed ***adj.*** high-spirited and strong-willed; vigorous

red′cap′ ***n.*** a baggage porter, as in a railroad station

red carpet a very grand or impressive welcome and entertainment: with *the* —**red′-car′pet** ***adj.***

red′coat′ ***n.*** a British soldier in a uniform with a red coat, as during the American Revolution

Red Cross an international society for the relief of suffering in time of war or disaster

redd (red) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** **redd** or **redd′ed, redd′ing** [< OE *hreddan*, take away] [Inf. or Dial.] to put in order; tidy: usually with *up*

red deer a deer of Europe and Asia

red·den (red′′n) ***vt.*** to make red —***vi.*** to become red; esp., to blush

re·deem (ri dēm′) ***vt.*** [< L *re(d)-*, back + *emere*, get] **1** to buy or get back; recover **2** to pay off (a mortgage, etc.) **3** to turn in (a coupon, etc.) for a discount, premium, etc. **4** to ransom **5** to deliver from sin **6** to fulfill (a promise) **7** *a*) to make amends or atone for *b*) to restore (oneself) to favor —**re·deem′a·ble** ***adj.*** —**re·deem′er** ***n.*** —**re·demp·tion** (ri demp′shən) ***n.***

re·de·ploy (rē′di plȯi′) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** to move (troops, etc.) from one front or area to another —**re′de·ploy′ment** ***n.***

re·de·vel·op (rē′di vel′əp) ***vt.*** **1** to develop again **2** to rebuild or restore —**re′de·vel′op·ment** ***n.***

red′-flag′ ***vt.*** **-flagged′, -flag′ging** to mark or otherwise indicate as being risky, etc.

red′-hand′ed ***adv.*** in the very commission of crime or wrongdoing

red′head′ ***n.*** a person with red hair

red herring [< herring drawn across the trace in hunting to divert the hounds] something used to divert attention from the basic issue

red′-hot′ ***adj.*** **1** hot enough to glow **2** very excited, angry, etc. **3** very new

re·dis′trict ***vt.*** to divide anew into districts

red′-let′ter ***adj.*** designating a memorable or joyous day or event

red′lin′ing (-līn′iŋ) ***n.*** [from outlining such areas in red on a map] the refusal by some banks or companies to issue loans or insurance on property in certain neighborhoods

re·do (rē dōō′) ***vt.*** **-did′, -done′, -do′ing** **1** to do again **2** to redecorate

red·o·lent (red′′l ənt) ***adj.*** [< L *re(d)-*, intens. + *olere*, to smell] **1** sweet-smelling **2** smelling (*of*) **3** suggestive (*of*) —**red′o·lence** ***n.***

re·dou·ble (rē dub′əl) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** **-bled, -bling** to make or become twice as much or twice as great

re·doubt (ri dout′) ***n.*** [see REDUCE] **1** a breastwork **2** any stronghold

re·doubt′a·ble ***adj.*** [< L *re-*, intens. + *dubitare*, to doubt] formidable —**re·doubt′a·bly** ***adv.***

re·dound (ri dound′) ***vi.*** [< L *re(d)-*, intens. + *undare*, to surge] **1** to have a result (*to* the credit or discredit of) **2** to come back; react (*upon*)

re·dress (ri dres′; *for n., usually* rē′dres′) ***vt.*** [see RE- & DRESS] to compensate for (a wrong, etc.) —***n.*** **1** compensation **2** a redressing

Red Sea sea between NE Africa & W Arabia

red snapper a reddish, edible, deep-water fish

red tape [< tape for tying official papers] rules and details that waste time and effort

red tide sea water discolored by red algae poisonous to marine life

re·duce (ri dōōs′) ***vt.*** **-duced′, -duc′ing** [< L *re-*, back + *ducere*, to lead] **1** to lessen, as in size, price, etc. **2** to put into a different form **3** to lower, as in rank or condition —***vi.*** to lose weight, as by dieting

re·duc·tion (ri duk′shən) ***n.*** **1** a reducing or being reduced **2** anything made by reducing **3** the amount by which anything is reduced

re·dun·dant (ri dun′dənt) ***adj.*** [see REDOUND] **1** excess; superfluous **2** wordy **3** unnecessary to the meaning: said of words and affixes —**re·dun′dan·cy** ***n.***

red′wood′ ***n.*** **1** a giant evergreen of the Pacific coast **2** its reddish wood

re·ech·o or **re-ech·o** (rē ek′ō) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** **-oed, -o·ing** to echo back or again —***n.***,

pl. **-oes** the echo of an echo

reed (rēd) ***n.*** ⟦OE *hreod*⟧ **1** a tall, slender grass **2** a rustic musical instrument made from a hollow stem **3** *Music* a thin strip of wood, plastic, etc. placed against the mouthpiece, as of a clarinet, and vibrated by the breath to produce a tone —**reed'y**, **-i·er**, **-i·est**, ***adj.***

reef[1] (rēf) ***n.*** ⟦prob. < ON *rif*, a rib⟧ a ridge of rock, coral, or sand at or near the surface of the water

reef[2] (rēf) ***n.*** ⟦ME *riff*⟧ a part of a sail which can be folded or rolled up and made fast to reduce the area exposed to the wind —***vt.***, ***vi.*** to reduce the size of (a sail) by taking in part of it

reef'er ***n.*** [Slang] a marijuana cigarette

reek (rēk) ***n.*** ⟦OE *rec*⟧ a strong, unpleasant smell —***vi.*** to have a strong, offensive smell

reel[1] (rēl) ***n.*** ⟦OE *hreol*⟧ **1** a spool on which wire, film, fishing line, etc. is wound **2** the quantity of wire, film, etc. usually wound on one reel —***vt.*** to wind on a reel —***vi.*** **1** to sway, stagger, etc. as from drunkenness or dizziness **2** to spin; whirl —**reel in** **1** to wind on a reel **2** to pull in (a fish) by using a reel —**reel off** to tell, write, etc. easily and quickly —**reel out** to unwind from a reel

reel[2] (rēl) ***n.*** ⟦prob. < prec.⟧ a lively dance

re·en·try or **re-en·try** (rē en'trē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-tries** a coming back, as of a space vehicle, into the earth's atmosphere

ref[1] (ref) ***n.***, ***vt.***, ***vi.*** [Inf.] *short for* REFEREE

ref[2] *abbrev.* **1** referee **2** reference **3** reformed **4** refund

re·face (rē fās') ***vt.*** **-faced'**, **-fac'ing** to put a new facing or covering on

re·fec·tion (ri fek'shən) ***n.*** ⟦< L *re-*, again + *facere*, make⟧ a light meal; lunch

re·fec·to·ry (ri fek'tə rē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ries** a dining hall, as in a monastery

re·fer (ri fur') ***vt.*** **-ferred'**, **-fer'ring** ⟦< L *re-*, back + *ferre*, to bear⟧ **1** to submit (a quarrel, etc.) for settlement **2** to direct *to* someone or something for aid, information, etc. —***vi.*** **1** to relate or apply (*to*) **2** to direct attention (*to*) **3** to turn (*to*) for information, aid, etc. —**re·fer'rer** ***n.***

ref·er·ee (ref'ə rē') ***n.*** **1** one to whom something is referred for decision **2** an official who enforces the rules in certain sports contests —***vt.***, ***vi.*** **-eed'**, **-ee'ing** to act as referee (in)

ref·er·ence (ref'ər əns, ref'rəns) ***n.*** **1** a referring or being referred **2** relation *[in reference to his letter]* **3** *a*) the directing of attention to a person or thing *b*) a mention **4** *a*) an indication, as in a book, of some other source of information *b*) such a source **5** *a*) one who can offer information or recommendation *b*) a statement of character, ability, etc. by such a person

ref·er·en·dum (ref'ə ren'dəm) ***n.***, *pl.* **-dums** or **-da** (-də) ⟦L: see REFER⟧ **1** the submission of a law to a direct vote of the people **2** the vote itself

ref·er·ent (ref'ər ənt) ***n.*** the thing referred to, esp. by a word or expression

re·fer·ral (ri fur'əl) ***n.*** **1** a referring or being referred **2** a person who is referred to another

re·fill (rē fil'; *for n.* rē'fil') ***vt.***, ***vi.*** to fill again —***n.*** **1** a unit to refill a special container **2** a refilling of a medical prescription —**re·fill'a·ble** ***adj.***

re·fine (ri fin') ***vt.*** **-fined'**, **-fin'ing** ⟦RE- + *fine*, make fine⟧ **1** to free from impurities, etc. **2** to make more polished or elegant

re·fined' ***adj.*** **1** made free from impurities; purified **2** cultivated, elegant, etc. **3** subtle, precise, etc.

re·fine'ment ***n.*** **1** *a*) a refining or being refined *b*) the result of this **2** delicacy or elegance of manners, etc. **3** an improvement **4** a fine distinction; subtlety

re·fin'er·y ***n.***, *pl.* **-er·ies** a plant for purifying materials, as oil, sugar, etc.

re·fin·ish (rē fin'ish) ***vt.*** to change or restore the finish of (furniture, etc.) —**re·fin'ish·er** ***n.***

re·fit (rē fit') ***vt.***, ***vi.*** **-fit'ted**, **-fit'ting** to make or be made fit for use again by repairing, reequipping, etc.

re·flect (ri flekt') ***vt.*** ⟦< L *re-*, back + *flectere*, to bend⟧ **1** to throw back (light, heat, or sound) **2** to give back an image of **3** to bring as a result *[to reflect* honor on the city*]* —***vi.*** **1** to throw back light, heat, etc. **2** to give back an image **3** to think seriously (*on* or *upon*) **4** to cast blame or discredit (*on* or *upon*) —**re·flec'tive** ***adj.***

re·flec'tion ***n.*** **1** a reflecting or being reflected **2** anything reflected **3** contemplation **4** a thoughtful idea or remark **5** blame; discredit

re·flec'tor ***n.*** a surface, object, etc. that reflects light, sound, heat, etc.

re·flex (rē'fleks') ***adj.*** ⟦see REFLECT⟧ designating or of an involuntary action, as a sneeze, resulting from the direct transmission of a stimulus to a muscle or gland —***n.*** a reflex action

re·flex·ive (ri flek'siv) ***adj.*** **1** designating a grammatical relation in which a verb's subject and object refer to the same person or thing (Ex.: I wash myself) **2** designating a verb, pronoun, etc. in such a relation —**re·flex'ive·ly** ***adv.***

re·for·est (rē fôr'ist) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** to plant new trees on (land once forested) —**re'for·est·a'tion** ***n.***

re·form (ri fôrm') ***vt.*** ⟦see RE- & FORM⟧ **1** to make better as by stopping abuses **2** to cause (a person) to behave better —***vi.*** to become better in behavior —***n.*** a reforming

re-form (rē fôrm') ***vt.***, ***vi.*** to form again

ref·or·ma·tion (ref'ər mā'shən) ***n.*** a reforming or being reformed —**the Reformation** the 16th-c. religious movement that resulted in establishing the Protestant churches

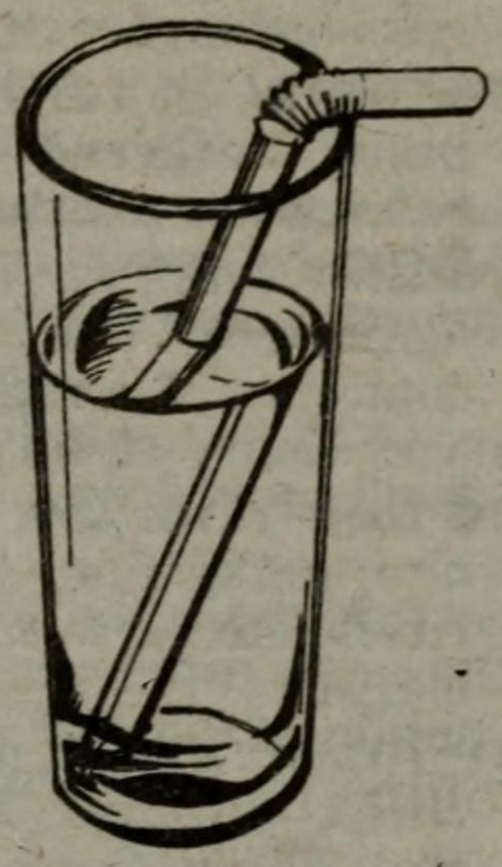
re·form·a·to·ry (ri fôr'mə tôr'ē) ***n.***, *pl.*

-ries an institution to which young offenders are sent to be reformed

re·form′er ***n.*** one who seeks to bring about political or social reform

re·fract (ri frakt′) ***vt.*** [< L *refractus*, turned aside < *re-*, back + *frangere*, to break] to cause (a ray of light, etc.) to undergo refraction

re·frac′tion ***n.*** the bending of a ray or wave of light, heat, or sound as it passes from one medium to another



ILLUSION CAUSED BY REFRACTION

re·frac·to·ry (ri frak′tər ē) ***adj.*** [see REFRACT] hard to manage; stubborn

re·frain[1] (ri frān′) ***vi.*** [< L *re-*, back + *frenare*, to curb] to hold back; keep oneself (*from* doing something)

re·frain[2] (ri frān′) ***n.*** [see REFRACT] a phrase or verse repeated at intervals in a song or poem

re·fresh (ri fresh′) ***vt.*** **1** to make fresh by cooling, wetting, etc. **2** to make (a person) feel cooler, stronger, etc., as by food, sleep, etc. **3** to replenish **4** to stimulate (the memory, etc.)

re·fresh′ing ***adj.*** **1** that refreshes **2** pleasingly new or different

re·fresh′ment ***n.*** **1** a refreshing or being refreshed **2** something that refreshes **3** [*pl.*] food or drink or both

re·frig·er·ant (rē frij′ə rənt) ***n.*** a substance used in refrigeration

re·frig·er·ate (ri frij′ə rāt′) ***vt.*** **-at′ed, -at′ing** [< L *re-*, intens. + *frigus*, cold] to make or keep cool or cold, as for preserving —**re·frig′er·a′tion** ***n.***

re·frig′er·a′tor ***n.*** a box or room in which food, drink, etc. are kept cool

ref·uge (ref′yōōj) ***n.*** [< L *re-*, back + *fugere*, flee] (a) shelter or protection from danger, difficulty, etc.

ref·u·gee (ref′yo͞o jē′, ref′yo͞o jē′) ***n.*** one who flees from home or country to seek refuge elsewhere

re·ful·gent (ri ful′jənt) ***adj.*** [< L *re-*, back + *fulgere*, shine] shining; radiant; glowing —**re·ful′gence** ***n.***

re·fund (ri fund′; *for n.* rē′fund′) ***vt., vi.*** [< L *re-*, back + *fundere*, pour] to give back (money, etc.); repay —***n.*** a refunding or the amount refunded

re·fur·bish (ri fur′bish) ***vt.*** [RE- + FURBISH] to renovate —**re·fur′bish·ment** ***n.***

re·fuse[1] (ri fyo͞oz′) ***vt., vi.*** **-fused′, -fus′ing** [< L *re-*, back + *fundere*, pour] **1** to decline to accept **2** to decline (to do something), to grant the request of (someone), etc. —**re·fus′al** ***n.***

ref·use[2] (ref′yo͞os, -yo͞oz) ***n.*** [see prec.] waste; trash; rubbish

re·fute (ri fyo͞ot′) ***vt.*** **-fut′ed, -fut′ing** [L *refutare*, repel] to prove to be false or wrong —**re·fut′a·ble** ***adj.*** —**ref·u·ta·tion** (ref′yə tā′shən) ***n.***

reg *abbrev.* **1** registered **2** regular **3** regulation

re·gain (ri gān′) ***vt.*** **1** to get back; recover **2** to get back to

re·gal (rē′gəl) ***adj.*** [< L *rex*, king] of, like, or fit for a monarch

re·gale (ri gāl′) ***vt.*** **-galed′, -gal′ing** [< Fr *ré-* (see RE-) + OFr *gale*, joy] to amuse or delight as with a story

re·ga·li·a (ri gāl′yə) ***pl.n.*** [see REGAL] **1** royal insignia **2** the insignia as of a rank or society **3** finery

re·gard (ri gärd′) ***n.*** [see RE- & GUARD] **1** a steady look; gaze **2** consideration; concern **3** respect and affection **4** reference; relation *[in regard to your plan]* **5** [*pl.*] good wishes —***vi.*** **1** to look at attentively **2** to consider **3** to hold in affection and respect **4** to concern or involve —**as regards** concerning

re·gard′ing ***prep.*** concerning; about

re·gard′less ***adv.*** [Inf.] without regard for objections, etc.; anyway —**regardless of** in spite of

re·gat·ta (ri gät′ə) ***n.*** [< It] **1** a boat race **2** a series of boat races

re·gen·er·ate (ri jen′ə rit; *for v.*, -rāt′) ***adj.*** [see RE- & GENERATE] **1** spiritually reborn **2** renewed or restored —***vt.*** **-at′ed, -at′ing** **1** to cause to be spiritually reborn **2** to cause to be completely reformed **3** to bring into existence again —***vi.*** to form again, or be made anew —**re·gen′er·a′tion** ***n.*** —**re·gen′er·a′tive** (-rāt′iv, -rə tiv) ***adj.***

re·gent (rē′jənt) ***n.*** [< L *regere*, to rule] **1** a person appointed to rule when a monarch is absent, too young, etc. **2** a member of a governing board, as of a university —**re′gen·cy** ***n.***

reg·gae (reg′ā) ***n.*** [< ?] a form of strongly syncopated popular Jamaican music

reg·i·cide (rej′ə sīd′) ***n.*** [< L *regis*, of a king + *-cida* (see -CIDE)] **1** one who kills a monarch **2** the killing of a monarch

re·gime or **ré·gime** (rə zhēm′, rā-) ***n.*** [see fol.] **1** a political system **2** an administration

reg·i·men (rej′ə mən) ***n.*** [< L *regere*, to rule] a system of diet, exercise, etc. to improve health

reg·i·ment (rej′ə mənt; *for v.*, -ment′) ***n.*** [< L *regere*, to rule] a military unit, smaller than a division —***vt.*** **1** to organize systematically **2** to subject to strict discipline and control —**reg′i·men′tal** ***adj.*** —**reg′i·men·ta′tion** ***n.***

Re·gi·na (ri jī′nə) capital of Saskatchewan, Canada: pop. 180,000

re·gion (rē′jən) ***n.*** [< L *regere*, to rule] **1** a large, indefinite part of the earth's surface **2** a division or part, as of an organism —**re′gion·al** ***adj.***

re′gion·al·ism′ ***n.*** **1** regional quality or character in life or literature **2** a word, etc. peculiar to some region

reg·is·ter (rej′is tər) ***n.*** [< L *regerere*, to record] **1** *a)* a list of names, items, etc. *b)* a book in which this is kept **2** a device for recording *[a cash register]* **3** an opening into a room by which the

amount of warm or cold air passing through can be controlled **4** *Music* a part of the range of a voice or instrument —***vt.*** **1** to enter in a list **2** to indicate on or as on a scale **3** to show, as by facial expression *[to register surprise]* **4** to protect (mail) by paying a fee to have it handled by a special postal service —***vi.*** **1** to enter one's name in a list, as of voters **2** to enroll in a school **3** to make an impression —**reg'is·trant** (-trənt) ***n.***

registered nurse a trained nurse who has passed a state examination

reg·is·trar (rej'i strär') ***n.*** one who keeps records, as in a college

reg·is·tra·tion (rej'i strā'shən) ***n.*** **1** a registering or being registered **2** an entry in a register **3** the number of persons registered

reg'is·try (-is trē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-tries** **1** a registering **2** an office where registers are kept **3** an official record or list

reg·nant (reg'nənt) ***adj.*** **1** ruling **2** predominant **3** prevalent

re·gress (rē'gres; *for v.* ri gres') ***n.*** ⟦< L *re-*, back + *gradi*, go⟧ backward movement —***vi.*** to go back —**re·gres'sion** ***n.*** —**re·gres'sive** ***adj.***

re·gret (ri gret') ***vt.*** **-gret'ted**, **-gret'ting** ⟦< OFr *regreter*, mourn⟧ to feel sorry about (an event, one's acts, etc.) —***n.*** remorse, esp. over one's acts or omissions —(**one's**) **regrets** a polite declining of an invitation —**re·gret'ful** ***adj.*** —**re·gret'ta·ble** ***adj.***

re·group' ***vt.***, ***vi.*** **1** to reassemble or reorganize **2** to collect oneself, as after a setback

reg·u·lar (reg'yə lər) ***adj.*** ⟦< L *regula*, a rule⟧ **1** conforming to a rule, type, etc.; orderly; symmetrical **2** conforming to a fixed principle or procedure **3** customary or established **4** consistent *[a regular customer]* **5** functioning in a normal way *[a regular pulse]* **6** properly qualified *[a regular doctor]* **7** designating or of the standing army of a country **8** [Inf.] *a*) thorough; complete *[a regular nuisance]* *b*) pleasant, friendly, etc. —***n.*** **1** a regular soldier or a player who is not a substitute **2** [Inf.] one who is regular in attendance **3** *Politics* a loyal party member —**reg'u·lar'i·ty** (-lar'ə tē), *pl.* **-ties**, ***n.*** —**reg'u·lar·ize'**, **-ized'**, **-iz'ing**, ***vt.*** —**reg'u·lar·ly** ***adv.***

reg·u·late (reg'yə lāt') ***vt.*** **-lat'ed**, **-lat'ing** ⟦< L *regula*, a rule⟧ **1** to control or direct according to a rule, principle, etc. **2** to adjust to a standard, rate, etc. **3** to adjust for accurate operation —**reg'u·la'tor** ***n.*** —**reg'u·la·to'ry** (-lə tôr'ē) ***adj.***

reg'u·la'tion ***n.*** **1** a regulating or being regulated **2** a rule or law regulating conduct —***adj.*** usual; regular

re·gur·gi·tate (ri gur'jə tāt') ***vi.***, ***vt.*** **-tat'ed**, **-tat'ing** ⟦< ML *re-*, back + LL *gurgitare*, to flood⟧ to bring (partly digested food) back up to the mouth —**re·gur'gi·ta'tion** ***n.***

re·hab (rē'hab') ***n.*** *short for* REHABILITATION —***vt.*** **-habbed'**, **-hab'bing** *short for* REHABILITATE

re·ha·bil·i·tate (rē'hə bil'ə tāt') ***vt.*** **-tat'ed**, **-tat'ing** ⟦< L *re-*, back + *habere*, have⟧ **1** to restore to rank, reputation, etc. which one has lost **2** to put back in good condition **3** to bring or restore to a state of health, constructive activity, etc. —**re'ha·bil'i·ta'tion** ***n.*** —**re'ha·bil'i·ta'tive** ***adj.***

re·hash (rē'hash'; *for v., also* rē hash') ***vt.*** ⟦RE- + HASH⟧ to work up again or go over again —***n.*** a rehashing

re·hearse (ri hurs') ***vt.***, ***vi.*** **-hearsed'**, **-hears'ing** ⟦< OFr *re-*, again + *hercer*, to harrow⟧ to practice (a play, etc.) for public performance —**re·hears'al** ***n.***

reign (rān) ***n.*** ⟦< L *regere*, to rule⟧ **1** royal power **2** dominance or sway **3** the period of rule, dominance, etc. —***vi.*** **1** to rule as a sovereign **2** to prevail *[peace reigns]*

re·im·burse (rē'im burs') ***vt.*** **-bursed'**, **-burs'ing** ⟦RE- + archaic *imburse*, to pay⟧ to pay back —**re'im·burse'ment** ***n.***

rein (rān) ***n.*** ⟦see RETAIN⟧ **1** a narrow strap of leather attached in pairs to a horse's bit and manipulated to control the animal: *usually used in pl.* **2** [*pl.*] a means of controlling, etc. —**give** (**free**) **rein to** to allow to act without restraint

re·in·car·na·tion (rē'in kär nā'shən) ***n.*** ⟦see RE- & INCARNATE⟧ rebirth of the soul in another body —**re'in·car'nate'**, **-nat'ed**, **-nat'ing**, ***vt.***



REINDEER

rein·deer (rān'dir') ***n.***, *pl.* **-deer'** ⟦< ON *hreinn*, reindeer + *dȳr*, animal⟧ a large deer found in northern regions and domesticated there as a beast of burden

re·in·force (rē'in fôrs') ***vt.*** **-forced'**, **-forc'ing** ⟦RE- + var. of ENFORCE⟧ **1** to strengthen (a military force) with more troops, ships, etc. **2** to strengthen, as by patching, propping, or adding new material —**re'in·force'ment** ***n.***

re·in·state (rē'in stāt') ***vt.*** **-stat'ed**, **-stat'ing** to restore to a former state, position, etc. —**re'in·state'ment** ***n.***

re·it·er·ate (rē it'ə rāt') ***vt.*** **-at'ed**, **-at'ing** ⟦< L *re-*, back + *iterare*, repeat⟧ to say or do again or repeatedly —**re·it'er·a'tion** ***n.*** —**re·it'er·a'tive** (-ə rāt'iv, -ər ə tiv) ***adj.***

re·ject (ri jekt'; *for n.* rē'jekt) ***vt.*** ⟦< L *re-*, back + *jacere*, to throw⟧ **1** to refuse to take, agree to, use, believe, etc. **2** to discard —***n.*** a rejected thing or person —**re·jec'tion** ***n.***

re·jig·ger (rē jig'ər) ***vt.*** to adjust or alter the structure, terms, etc. of

re·joice (ri jois') ***vi.***, ***vt.*** **-joiced'**, **-joic'ing**

[< OFr *re-*, again + *joïr*, be glad] to be glad or happy

re·join (rē join′) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** **1** to join again; reunite **2** to answer

re·join·der (ri join′dər) ***n.*** [see RE- & JOIN] an answer, esp. to a reply

re·ju·ve·nate (ri jo͞o′və nāt′) ***vt.*** **-nat′ed, -nat′ing** [< RE- + L *juvenis,* young] to make feel or seem young again —**re·ju′ve·na′tion** ***n.***

rel *abbrev.* **1** relative(ly) **2** religion

re·lapse (ri laps′; *for n., usually* rē′laps) ***vi.*** **-lapsed′, -laps′ing** [see RE- & LAPSE] to slip back into a former state, esp. into illness after apparent recovery —***n.*** a relapsing

re·late (ri lāt′) ***vt.*** **-lat′ed, -lat′ing** [< L *relatus,* brought back] **1** to tell the story of; narrate **2** to connect, as in thought or meaning —***vi.*** to have some connection or relation (*to*)

re·lat′ed ***adj.*** connected by kinship, origin, marriage, etc.

re·la′tion ***n.*** **1** a narrating **2** a narrative; account **3** connection, as in thought or meaning **4** connection by blood or marriage **5** a relative **6** [*pl.*] the connections between or among persons, nations, etc. —**in** (or **with**) **relation to** concerning; regarding —**re·la′tion·ship′** ***n.***

rel·a·tive (rel′ə tiv) ***adj.*** **1** related each to the other **2** pertinent; relevant **3** comparative *[*living in *relative* comfort*]* **4** meaningful only in relationship *[*"cold" is a *relative* term*]* **5** *Gram.* that refers to an antecedent *[*a *relative* pronoun*]* —***n.*** one related by blood or marriage —**rel′a·tive·ly** ***adv.***

relative humidity the ratio of the amount of moisture in the air to the maximum amount possible at the given temperature

rel·a·tiv·i·ty (rel′ə tiv′ə tē) ***n.*** **1** a being relative **2** *Physics* the theory of the relative, rather than absolute, character of motion, velocity, mass, etc., and the interdependence of matter, time, and space

re·lax (ri laks′) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** [< L *re-,* back + *laxare*, loosen] **1** to make or become less firm, tense, severe, etc. **2** to rest, as from work —**re·lax′er** ***n.***

re·lax′ant ***adj.*** causing relaxation, esp. of muscles —***n.*** a relaxant drug

re·lax·a·tion (rē′lak sā′shən) ***n.*** **1** a relaxing or being relaxed **2** *a*) rest from work or effort *b*) recreation

re·lay (rē′lā′; *for v., also* ri lā′) ***n.*** [< Fr *re-*, back + *laier*, to leave] **1** a fresh supply of horses, etc., as for a stage of a journey **2** a relief crew of workers **3** a race (in full **relay race**) between teams, each member of which goes a part of the distance —***vt.*** **-layed′, -lay′ing** to get and pass on

re·lease (ri lēs′) ***vt.*** **-leased′, -leas′ing** [see RELAX] **1** to set free from confinement, work, pain, etc. **2** to let go *[*to *release* an arrow*]* **3** to permit to be issued, published, etc. —***n.*** **1** a releasing, as from prison **2** a film, news story, etc. released to the public **3** a written surrender of a claim, etc.

rel·e·gate (rel′ə gāt′) ***vt.*** **-gat′ed, -gat′ing** [< L *re-,* away + *legare,* send] **1** to exile or banish (*to*) **2** to consign or assign, esp. to an inferior position **3** to refer or hand over for decision —**rel′e·ga′tion** ***n.***

re·lent (ri lent′) ***vi.*** [< L *re-*, again + *lentus*, pliant] to become less severe, stern, or stubborn; soften

re·lent′less ***adj.*** **1** harsh; pitiless **2** not letting up; persistent —**re·lent′less·ly** ***adv.*** —**re·lent′less·ness** ***n.***

rel·e·vant (rel′ə vənt) ***adj.*** [see RELIEVE] relating to the matter under consideration; pertinent —**rel′e·vance** or **rel′e·van·cy** ***n.***

re·li·a·ble (ri lī′ə bəl) ***adj.*** that can be relied on; dependable —**re·li′a·bil′i·ty** ***n.*** —**re·li′a·bly** ***adv.***

re·li′ance (-əns) ***n.*** **1** a relying **2** trust, dependence, or confidence **3** a thing relied on —**re·li′ant** ***adj.***

rel·ic (rel′ik) ***n.*** [see RELINQUISH] **1** an object, custom, etc. surviving from the past **2** a souvenir **3** [*pl.*] ruins **4** the venerated remains, etc. of a saint

re·lief (ri lēf′) ***n.*** **1** a relieving of pain, anxiety, a burden, etc. **2** anything that lessens tension, or offers a pleasing change **3** aid, esp. by a public agency to the needy **4** release from work or duty, or those bringing it **5** the projection of sculptured forms from a flat surface **6** the differences in height, collectively, of land forms shown as by lines on a map (**relief map**) —***adj.*** *Baseball* designating a pitcher who replaces another during a game —**in relief** carved so as to project from a surface

re·lieve (ri lēv′) ***vt.*** **-lieved′, -liev′ing** [< L *re-*, again + *levare,* to raise] **1** to ease (pain, anxiety, etc.) **2** to free from pain, anxiety, a burden, etc. **3** to give or bring aid to **4** to set free from duty or work by replacing **5** to make less tedious, etc. by providing a pleasing change —**relieve oneself** to urinate or defecate

re·li·gion (ri lij′ən) ***n.*** [< L *religio,* holiness] **1** belief in and worship of God or gods **2** a specific system of belief, worship, etc., often involving a code of ethics

re·li′gi·os′i·ty (-ē äs′ə tē) ***n.*** a being religious, esp. excessively or sentimentally religious

re·li′gious (-əs) ***adj.*** **1** devout; pious **2** of or concerned with religion **3** conscientiously exact; scrupulous —***n.***, *pl.* **-gious** a monk or nun —**re·li′gious·ly** ***adv.***

re·lin·quish (ri liŋ′kwish) ***vt.*** [< L *re-*, from + *linquere,* to leave] **1** to give up (a plan, etc.) or let go (one's grasp, etc.) **2** to renounce or surrender (property, a right, etc.) —**re·lin′quish·ment** ***n.***

rel·ish (rel′ish) ***n.*** [< OFr *relais,* something remaining] **1** an appetizing flavor **2** enjoyment; zest *[*to listen with *relish]* **3** a food, as pickles or raw vegetables, served with a meal to add flavor **4** a condiment of chopped pickles, spices, etc. for use as on hot dogs —***vt.*** to enjoy; like

re·live (rē liv′) ***vt.*** **-lived′, -liv′ing** to

experience again (a past event) as in the imagination

re·lo·cate (rē lō′kāt′) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** **-cat′ed, -cat′ing** to move to a new location —**re′lo·ca′tion** ***n.***

re·luc·tant (ri luk′tənt) ***adj.*** [< L *re-*, against + *luctari*, to struggle] **1** unwilling; disinclined **2** marked by unwillingness *[a reluctant* answer*]* —**re·luc′tance** ***n.*** —**re·luc′tant·ly** ***adv.***

re·ly (ri lī′) ***vi.*** **-lied′, -ly′ing** [< L *re-*, back + *ligare*, bind] to trust or depend: used with *on* or *upon*

rem (rem) ***n.***, *pl.* **rem** [*r*(*oentgen*) *e*(*quivalent*), *m*(*an*)] a dose of ionizing radiation with a biological effect equal to one roentgen of X-ray

REM (rem) ***n.***, *pl.* **REMs** [*r*(*apid*) *e*(*ye*) *m*(*ovement*)] the rapid, jerky movement of the eyeballs during stages of sleep associated with dreaming

re·main (ri mān′) ***vi.*** [< L *re-*, back + *manere*, to stay] **1** to be left over when the rest has been taken away, etc. **2** to stay **3** to continue *[to remain* a cynic*]* **4** to be left to be done, said, etc.

re·main′der ***n.*** **1** those remaining **2** what is left when a part is taken away **3** what is left when a smaller number is subtracted from a larger **4** what is left undivided when a number is divided by another that is not one of its factors

re·mains′ ***pl.n.*** **1** what is left after use, destruction, etc. **2** a dead body

re·mand (ri mand′) ***vt.*** [< L *re-*, back + *mandare*, to order] to send back (a prisoner, etc.) into custody

re·mark (ri märk′) ***vt.*** [< Fr *re-*, again + *marquer*, to mark] **1** to notice or observe **2** to say or write as a comment —***vi.*** to make a comment: with *on* or *upon* —***n.*** a brief comment

re·mark′a·ble ***adj.*** worthy of notice; extraordinary —**re·mark′a·bly** ***adv.***

Rem·brandt (rem′brant′) 1606-69; Du. painter & etcher

re·me·di·al (ri mē′dē əl) ***adj.*** **1** providing a remedy **2** for correcting deficiencies: said as of some courses of study

re·me′di·ate′ (-āt′) ***vt.*** **-at′ed, -at′ing** to provide a remedy for

rem·e·dy (rem′ə dē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-dies** [< L *re-*, again + *mederi*, heal] **1** any medicine or treatment for a disease **2** something to correct a wrong —***vt.*** **-died, -dy·ing** to cure, correct, etc.

re·mem·ber (ri mem′bər) ***vt.*** [< L *re-*, again + *memorare*, bring to mind] **1** to think of again **2** to bring back to mind by an effort; recall **3** to be careful not to forget **4** to mention (a person) to another as sending greetings —***vi.*** to bear something in mind or call something back to mind

re·mem′brance (-brəns) ***n.*** **1** a remembering or being remembered **2** the power to remember **3** a souvenir

re·mind (ri mīnd′) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** to put (a person) in mind (*of* something); make remember —**re·mind′er** ***n.***

rem·i·nisce (rem′ə nis′) ***vi.*** **-nisced′, -nisc′ing** [< fol.] to think, talk, or write about remembered events

rem′i·nis′cence (-əns) ***n.*** [Fr < L *re-*, again + *memini*, remember] **1** a remembering **2** a memory **3** [*pl.*] an account of remembered experiences —**rem′i·nis′cent** ***adj.***

re·miss (ri mis′) ***adj.*** [see REMIT] careless; negligent —**re·miss′ness** ***n.***

re·mis·sion (ri mish′ən) ***n.*** [see fol.] **1** forgiveness; pardon **2** release from a debt, tax, etc. **3** an abating of pain, a disease, etc.

re·mit (ri mit′) ***vt.*** **-mit′ted, -mit′ting** [< L *re-*, back + *mittere*, send] **1** to forgive or pardon **2** to refrain from exacting (a payment), inflicting (punishment), etc. **3** to slacken; decrease **4** to send (money) in payment —**re·mit′tance** ***n.***

rem·nant (rem′nənt) ***n.*** [see REMAIN] what is left over, as a piece of cloth at the end of a bolt

re·mod·el (rē mäd′′l) ***vt.*** **-eled** or **-elled, -el·ing** or **-el·ling** to make over; rebuild

re·mon·strate (ri män′strāt′) ***vt.*** **-strat′ed, -strat′ing** [< L *re-*, again + *monstrare*, to show] to say in protest, objection, etc. —***vi.*** to protest; object —**re·mon′strance** (-strəns) ***n.***

re·morse (ri môrs′) ***n.*** [< L *re-*, again + *mordere*, to bite] a torturing sense of guilt for one's actions —**re·morse′ful** ***adj.*** —**re·morse′less** ***adj.***

re·mote (ri mōt′) ***adj.*** **-mot′er, -mot′est** [< L *remotus*, removed] **1** distant in space or time **2** distant in connection, relation, etc. **3** distantly related **4** aloof **5** slight *[a remote* chance*]* —**re·mote′ly** ***adv.***

remote control **1** control of aircraft, etc. from a distance, as by radio waves **2** a device to control a TV set, recorder, etc. from a distance

re·move (ri mo͞ov′) ***vt.*** **-moved′, -mov′ing** [see RE- & MOVE] **1** to move (something) from where it is; take away or off **2** to dismiss, as from office **3** to get rid of —***vi.*** to move away, as to another residence —***n.*** a step or degree away —**re·mov′a·ble** ***adj.*** —**re·mov′al** ***n.*** —**re·mov′er** ***n.***

re·mu·ner·ate (ri myo͞o′nə rāt′) ***vt.*** **-at′ed, -at′ing** [< L *re-*, again + *munus*, gift] to pay (a person) for (work, a loss, etc.) —**re·mu′ner·a′tion** ***n.*** —**re·mu′ner·a′tive** ***adj.***

ren·ais·sance (ren′ə säns′) ***n.*** [Fr] a rebirth; renascence —**the Renaissance** the great revival of art and learning in Europe in the 14th, 15th, and 16th centuries

Renaissance man (or **woman**) one skilled and knowledgeable in many fields

re·nal (rē′nəl) ***adj.*** [< L *renes*, kidneys] of or near the kidneys

re·nas·cence (ri nas′əns, -nās′-) ***n.*** [< L *renasci*, be born again] [*also* **R-**] RENAISSANCE

rend (rend) ***vt.*** **rent, rend′ing** [OE *rendan*] to tear or split with violence —***vi.*** to tear; split apart

ren·der (ren′dər) ***vt.*** [ult. < L *re(d)-*, back + *dare*, give] **1** to submit, as for approval or payment **2** to give in return or pay as due *[render* thanks*]* **3**

to cause to be **4** to give (aid) or do (a service) **5** to depict, as by drawing **6** to play (music), act (a role), etc. **7** to translate **8** to melt down (fat) **9** to pronounce (a verdict)

ren·dez·vous (rän′dā vo͞o′) ***n.***, *pl.* **-vous′** (-vo͞oz′) [< Fr *rendez-vous,* present yourself] **1** a meeting place **2** an agreement to meet **3** the meeting itself —***vi.***, ***vt.*** **-voused′** (-vo͞od′), **-vous′ing** (-vo͞o′iŋ) to meet or assemble at a certain time or place

ren·di·tion (ren dish′ən) ***n.*** a rendering; performance, translation, etc.

ren·e·gade (ren′ə gād′) ***n.*** [< L *re-,* again + *negare,* deny] one who abandons a party, movement, etc. to join the opposition; turncoat

re·nege (ri nig′) ***vi.*** **-neged′**, **-neg′ing** [see prec.] to go back on a promise

re·new (ri no͞o′) ***vt.*** **1** to make new or fresh again **2** to reestablish; revive **3** to resume **4** to put in a fresh supply of **5** to give or get an extension of *[renew* a lease*]* —**re·new′a·ble** ***adj.*** —**re·new′al** ***n.***

ren·net (ren′it) ***n.*** [< ME *rennen,* coagulate] an extract from the stomach of calves, etc. used to curdle milk

Re·no (rē′nō) city in W Nevada: pop. 134,000

Re·noir (rən wär′, ren′wär′), **Pierre Auguste** (pyer ô güst′) 1841-1919; Fr. painter

re·nounce (ri nouns′) ***vt.*** **-nounced′**, **-nounc′ing** [< L *re-,* back + *nuntiare,* tell] **1** to give up formally (a claim, etc.) **2** to give up (a habit, etc.) **3** to disown —**re·nounce′ment** ***n.***

ren·o·vate (ren′ə vāt′) ***vt.*** **-vat′ed**, **-vat′ing** [< L *re-,* again + *novus,* new] to make as good as new; restore —**ren′o·va′tion** ***n.*** —**ren′o·va′tor** ***n.***

re·nown (ri noun′) ***n.*** [< OFr *re-,* again + *nom(m)er,* to name < L *nominare*] great fame or reputation —**re·nowned′** ***adj.***

rent[1] (rent) ***n.*** [< L *reddita,* paid] a stated payment at fixed intervals for the use of a house, land, etc. —***vt.*** to get or give use of in return for rent —***vi.*** to be let for rent —**for rent** available to be rented —**rent′er** ***n.***

rent[2] (rent) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** *pt. & pp. of* REND —***n.*** a hole or gap made by tearing

rent·al (rent′l) ***n.*** **1** an amount paid or received as rent **2** a house, car, etc. offered for rent **3** a renting —***adj.*** of or for rent

re·nun·ci·a·tion (ri nun′sē ā′shən) ***n.*** a renouncing, as of a right

re·or·gan·ize (rē ôr′gə nīz′) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** **-ized′**, **-iz′ing** to organize (a business, etc.) anew —**re·or′gan·i·za′tion** ***n.***

rep[1] (rep) ***n.*** [Fr *reps* < Eng *ribs*] a ribbed fabric

rep[2] (rep) ***n.*** a representative

rep[3] *abbrev.* **1** repeat **2** report(ed) **3** reporter

Rep *abbrev.* **1** Representative **2** Republican

re·paid (ri pād′) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** *pt. & pp. of* REPAY

re·pair[1] (ri per′) ***vt.*** [< L *re-,* again + *parare,* prepare] **1** to put back in good condition; fix; renew **2** to make amends for —***n.*** **1** a repairing **2** [*usually pl.*] work done in repairing **3** the state of being repaired *[*kept in *repair]* —**re·pair′a·ble** ***adj.***

re·pair[2] (ri per′) ***vi.*** [< L *re-,* back + *patria,* native land] to go (*to* a place)

re·pair′man (-mən, -man′) ***n.***, *pl.* **-men** (-mən, -men′) one whose work is repairing things

rep·a·ra·tion (rep′ə rā′shən) ***n.*** [see REPAIR[1]] **1** a making of amends **2** [*usually pl.*] compensation, as for war damage

rep·ar·tee (rep′är tē′, -tā′) ***n.*** [< Fr *repartir,* to return a blow quickly] a series of quick, witty retorts; banter

re·past (ri past′) ***n.*** [< OFr *re-,* RE- + *past,* food] food and drink; a meal

re·pa·tri·ate (rē pā′trē āt′) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** **-at′ed**, **-at′ing** [see REPAIR[2]] to return to the country of birth, citizenship, etc. —**re·pa′tri·a′tion** ***n.***

re·pay (ri pā′) ***vt.*** **-paid′**, **-pay′ing** **1** to pay back **2** to make return to for (a favor, etc.) —**re·pay′ment** ***n.***

re·peal (ri pēl′) ***vt.*** [see RE- & APPEAL] to revoke; cancel; annul —***n.*** revocation; abrogation

re·peat (ri pēt′) ***vt.*** [< L *re-,* again + *petere,* to demand] **1** to say again **2** to recite (a poem, etc.) **3** to say (something) as said by someone else **4** to tell to someone else *[*to *repeat* a secret*]* **5** to do or make again —***vi.*** to say or do again —***n.*** **1** a repeating **2** anything said or done again, as a rebroadcast of a television program **3** *Music a)* a passage to be repeated *b)* a symbol for this —**re·peat′er** ***n.***

re·peat′ed ***adj.*** said, made, or done again, or often —**re·peat′ed·ly** ***adv.***

re·pel (ri pel′) ***vt.*** **-pelled′**, **-pel′ling** [< L *re-,* back + *pellere,* to drive] **1** to drive or force back **2** to reject **3** to cause dislike in; disgust **4** to be resistant to (water, dirt, etc.) —**re·pel′lent** ***adj.***, ***n.***

re·pent (ri pent′) ***vi.***, ***vt.*** [< L *re-,* again + *poenitere,* repent] **1** to feel sorry for (an error, sin, etc.) **2** to feel such regret over (an action, intention, etc.) as to change one's mind (about) —**re·pent′ance** ***n.*** —**re·pent′ant** ***adj.***

re·per·cus·sion (rē′pər kush′ən) ***n.*** [see RE- & PERCUSSION] **1** reverberation **2** a far-reaching, often indirect reaction to some event

rep·er·toire (rep′ər twär′) ***n.*** [< Fr < L *reperire,* discover] the stock of plays, songs, etc. that a company, singer, etc. is prepared to perform

rep′er·to′ry (-tôr′ē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ries** **1** REPERTOIRE **2** the system of alternating several plays throughout a season with a permanent group of actors

rep·e·ti·tion (rep′ə tish′ən) ***n.*** [< L *repetitio*] **1** a repeating **2** something repeated —**rep′e·ti′tious** ***adj.*** —**re·pet·i·tive** (ri pet′ə tiv) ***adj.***

re·pine (ri pīn′) ***vi.*** **-pined′**, **-pin′ing** [RE- + PINE[2]] to feel or express unhappiness or discontent

re·place (ri plās′) ***vt.*** **-placed′, -plac′ing** **1** to put back in a former or the proper place **2** to take the place of **3** to provide an equivalent for —**re·place′a·ble** ***adj.*** —**re·place′ment** ***n.***

re·plen·ish (ri plen′ish) ***vt.*** [< L *re-*, again + *plenus*, full] **1** to make full or complete again **2** to supply again —**re·plen′ish·ment** ***n.***

re·plete (ri plēt′) ***adj.*** [< L *re-*, again + *plere*, to fill] **1** plentifully supplied **2** stuffed; gorged —**re·ple′tion** ***n.***

rep·li·ca (rep′li kə) ***n.*** [see REPLY] a reproduction or close copy, as of a work of art

rep·li·cate (rep′li kāt′) ***vt.*** **-cat′ed, -cat′ing** [see REPLY] to repeat or duplicate

rep′li·ca′tion ***n.*** **1** a replicating **2** a reply; answer **3** a copy; reproduction

re·ply (ri plī′) ***vi.*** **-plied′, -ply′ing** [< L *re-*, back + *plicare*, to fold] to answer or respond —***n.***, *pl.* **-plies′** an answer or response

re·port (ri pôrt′) ***vt.*** [< L *re-*, back + *portare*, carry] **1** to give an account of, as for publication **2** to carry and repeat (a message, etc.) **3** to announce formally **4** to make a charge about (something) or against (someone) to one in authority —***vi.*** **1** to make a report **2** to present oneself, as for work —***n.*** **1** rumor **2** a statement or account **3** a formal presentation of facts **4** the noise of an explosion —**re·port′ed·ly** ***adv.***

re·port·age (ri pôrt′ij, rep′ər täzh′) ***n.*** **1** the reporting of the news **2** journalistic writings

report card a periodic written report on a student's progress: often used figuratively

re·port′er ***n.*** one who reports; specif., one who gathers and reports news for a newspaper, etc. —**rep·or·to·ri·al** (rep′ər tôr′ē əl) ***adj.***

re·pose[1] (ri pōz′) ***vt.*** **-posed′, -pos′ing** [< L *re-*, again + *pausare*, to rest] to lay or place for rest —***vi.*** **1** to lie at rest **2** to rest from work, etc. **3** to lie dead —***n.*** **1** *a*) rest *b*) sleep **2** composure **3** calm; peace —**re·pose′ful** ***adj.***

re·pose[2] (ri pōz′) ***vt.*** **-posed′, -pos′ing** [see fol.] **1** to place (trust, etc.) *in* someone **2** to place (power, etc.) *in* the control of some person or group

re·pos·i·to·ry (ri päz′ə tôr′ē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ries** [< L *re-*, back + *ponere*, to place] a box, room, etc. in which things may be placed for safekeeping

re·pos·sess (rē′pə zes′) ***vt.*** to take back, as from a buyer who missed payments —**re′pos·ses′sion** ***n.***

rep·re·hend (rep′ri hend′) ***vt.*** [< L *re-*, back + *prehendere*, take] to rebuke, blame, or censure

rep′re·hen′si·ble (-hen′sə bəl) ***adj.*** deserving to be reprehended —**rep′re·hen′si·bly** ***adv.***

rep·re·sent (rep′ri zent′) ***vt.*** [< L *re-*, again + *praesentare*, to present] **1** to present to the mind **2** to present a likeness of **3** to describe **4** to stand for; symbolize **5** to be the equivalent of **6** to act (a role) **7** to act in place of, esp. by conferred authority **8** to serve as an example of

rep′re·sen·ta′tion ***n.*** **1** a representing or being represented, as in a legislative assembly **2** legislative representatives, collectively **3** a likeness, image, picture, etc. **4** [*often pl.*] a statement of facts, arguments, etc. meant to influence action, make protest, etc. —**rep′re·sen·ta′tion·al** ***adj.***

rep′re·sent′a·tive ***adj.*** **1** representing **2** of or based on representation of the people by elected delegates **3** typical —***n.*** **1** an example or type **2** one authorized to act for others; delegate, agent, salesman, etc. **3** [**R-**] a member of the lower house of Congress or of a state legislature

re·press (ri pres′) ***vt.*** [see RE- & PRESS[1]] **1** to hold back; restrain **2** to put down; subdue **3** *Psychiatry* to force (painful ideas, etc.) into the unconscious —**re·pres′sion** ***n.*** —**re·pres′sive** ***adj.***

re·prieve (ri prēv′) ***vt.*** **-prieved′, -priev′ing** [< Fr *reprendre*, take back] **1** to postpone the punishment of, esp. the execution of **2** to give temporary relief to —***n.*** a reprieving or being reprieved

rep·ri·mand (rep′rə mand′) ***n.*** [< L *reprimere*, repress] a severe or formal rebuke —***vt.*** to rebuke severely or formally

re·pris·al (ri prī′zəl) ***n.*** [see REPREHEND] injury done in return for injury received

re·proach (ri prōch′) ***vt.*** [< L *re-*, back + *prope*, near] to accuse of a fault; rebuke —***n.*** **1** shame, disgrace, etc. or a cause of this **2** rebuke or censure —**re·proach′ful** ***adj.***

rep·ro·bate (rep′rə bāt′) ***adj.*** [LL *reprobare*, reprove] unprincipled or depraved —***n.*** a reprobate person

re·proc·ess (rē prä′ses) ***vt.*** to process again so as to reuse; esp., to recover plutonium, etc. from

re·pro·duce (rē′prə dōōs′) ***vt.*** **-duced′, -duc′ing** to produce again; specif., *a*) to produce by propagation *b*) to make a copy of —***vi.*** to produce offspring —**re′pro·duc′i·ble** ***adj.***

re′pro·duc′tion (-duk′shən) ***n.*** **1** a reproducing **2** a copy, imitation, etc. **3** the process by which animals and plants produce new individuals —**re′pro·duc′tive** ***adj.***

re·proof (ri prōōf′) ***n.*** a reproving; rebuke: also **re·prov′al** (-prōō′vəl)

re·prove (ri prōōv′) ***vt.*** **-proved′, -prov′ing** [see RE- & PROVE] **1** to rebuke **2** to express disapproval of (something done or said)

rep·tile (rep′tīl′) ***n.*** [< L *repere*, to creep] a coldblooded vertebrate covered as with scales, as a snake, lizard, turtle, or dinosaur —**rep·til·i·an** (rep til′ē ən) ***adj.***

re·pub·lic (ri pub′lik) ***n.*** [< L *res*, thing + *publica*, public (adj.)] a state or government, specif. one headed by a president, in which the power is exercised by officials elected by the voters

re·pub′li·can (-li kən) ***adj.*** **1** of or like a

republic **2** [**R-**] of or belonging to the Republican Party —***n.*** **1** one who favors a republican form of government **2** [**R-**] a member of the Republican Party

Republican Party one of the two major political parties in the U.S.

re·pu·di·ate (ri pyo͞o′dē āt′) ***vt.*** **-at′ed, -at′ing** ‖< L *repudium,* separation‖ **1** to refuse to have anything to do with **2** to refuse to accept or support (a belief, treaty, etc.) —**re·pu′di·a′tion** ***n.***

re·pug·nant (ri pug′nənt) ***adj.*** ‖< L *re-,* back + *pugnare,* fight‖ **1** contradictory **2** distasteful; offensive —**re·pug′nance** ***n.***

re·pulse (ri puls′) ***vt.*** **-pulsed′, -puls′ing** ‖see REPEL‖ **1** to drive back (an attack, etc.) **2** to refuse or reject with discourtesy, etc.; rebuff —***n.*** a repelling or being repelled

re·pul·sion (ri pul′shən) ***n.*** **1** a repelling or being repelled **2** strong dislike **3** *Physics* the mutual action by which bodies tend to repel each other

re·pul′sive (-siv) ***adj.*** causing strong dislike or aversion; disgusting —**re·pul′sive·ly** ***adv.*** —**re·pul′sive·ness** ***n.***

rep·u·ta·ble (rep′yə tə bəl) ***adj.*** having a good reputation —**rep′u·ta·bil′i·ty** ***n.*** —**rep′u·ta·bly** ***adv.***

rep·u·ta·tion (rep′yo͞o tā′shən) ***n.*** ‖see fol.‖ **1** estimation in which a person or thing is commonly held **2** favorable estimation **3** fame

re·pute (ri pyo͞ot′) ***vt.*** **-put′ed, -put′ing** ‖< L *re-,* again + *putare,* think‖ to consider or regard *[reputed* to be rich*]* —***n.*** REPUTATION (senses 1 & 3)

re·put′ed ***adj.*** generally supposed to be such *[*the *reputed* owner*]* —**re·put′ed·ly** ***adv.***

re·quest (ri kwest′) ***n.*** ‖see REQUIRE‖ **1** an asking for something **2** something asked for **3** the state of being asked for; demand —***vt.*** **1** to ask for **2** to ask (a person) to do something

Re·qui·em (rek′wē əm, rā′kwē-) ***n.*** ‖< L, rest‖ [*also* **r-**] **1** *R.C.Ch.* a Mass for a dead person or persons **2** a musical setting for this

re·quire (ri kwīr′) ***vt.*** **-quired′, -quir′ing** ‖< L *re-,* again + *quaerere,* ask‖ **1** to insist upon; demand **2** to order **3** to need —**re·quire′ment** ***n.***

req·ui·site (rek′wə zit) ***adj.*** ‖see prec.‖ required; necessary; indispensable —***n.*** something requisite

req·ui·si·tion (rek′wə zish′ən) ***n.*** **1** a requiring; formal demand **2** a formal written order, as for equipment —***vt.*** **1** to demand or take, as by authority **2** to submit a written request for

re·quite (ri kwīt′) ***vt.*** **-quit′ed, -quit′ing** ‖RE- + *quite,* obs. var. of QUIT‖ to repay (someone) for (a benefit, service, etc. or an injury, wrong, etc.) —**re·quit′al** ***n.***

re·run (rē′run′) ***n.*** the showing of a film or TV program after the first run or showing

re′sale′ ***n.*** a selling of something bought to a third party

re·scind (ri sind′) ***vt.*** ‖< L *re-,* back + *scindere,* to cut‖ to revoke or cancel (a law, etc.) —**re·scis′sion** (-sizh′ən) ***n.***

res·cue (res′kyo͞o) ***vt.*** **-cued, -cu·ing** ‖ult. < L *re-,* again + *ex-,* off + *quatere,* to shake‖ to free or save from danger, imprisonment, evil, etc. —***n.*** a rescuing; deliverance —**res′cu·er** ***n.***

re·search (rē′sʉrch′, ri sʉrch′) ***n.*** ‖see RE- & SEARCH‖ careful, systematic study and investigation in some field of knowledge —***vi., vt.*** to do research (on or in) —**re′search′er** ***n.***

re·sec·tion (ri sek′shən) ***n.*** ‖< L *re-,* back + *secare,* to cut‖ *Surgery* the removal of part of an organ, bone, etc.

re·sem·blance (ri zem′bləns) ***n.*** a similarity of appearance; likeness

re·sem′ble (-bəl) ***vt.*** **-bled, -bling** ‖ult. < L *re-,* again + *simulare,* feign‖ to be like or similar to

re·sent (ri zent′) ***vt.*** ‖ult. < L *re-,* again + *sentire,* to feel‖ to feel or show displeasure and hurt or indignation over or toward —**re·sent′ful** ***adj.*** —**re·sent′ful·ly** ***adv.*** —**re·sent′ment** ***n.***

re·ser·pine (ri sʉr′pin, -pēn) ***n.*** ‖Ger‖ a crystalline alkaloid used in treating hypertension, mental illness, etc.

res·er·va·tion (rez′ər vā′shən) ***n.*** **1** a reserving or that which is reserved; specif., *a*) a withholding *b*) public land set aside for a special use, as for American Indians *c*) holding of a hotel room, etc. until called for **2** a limiting condition

re·serve (ri zʉrv′) ***vt.*** **-served′, -serv′ing** ‖< L *re-,* back + *servare,* to keep‖ **1** to keep back or set apart for later or special use **2** to keep back for oneself —***n.*** **1** something kept back or stored up, as for later use **2** the keeping one's thoughts, feelings, etc. to oneself **3** reticence; silence **4** [*pl.*] troops, players, etc. kept out of action for use as replacements **5** land set apart for a special purpose **6** cash, etc. held back to meet future demands —**in reserve** reserved for later use —**without reserve** subject to no limitation

re·served′ ***adj.*** **1** kept in reserve; set apart **2** self-restrained; reticent

re·serv′ist ***n.*** a member of a country's military reserves

res·er·voir (rez′ər vwär′, -vwôr′) ***n.*** ‖< Fr: see RESERVE‖ **1** a place where water is collected and stored for use **2** a receptacle for holding a fluid **3** a large supply

re·side (ri zīd′) ***vi.*** **-sid′ed, -sid′ing** ‖< L *re-,* back + *sedere,* sit‖ **1** to dwell for a long time; live (*in* or *at*) **2** to be present or inherent (*in*): said of qualities, etc.

res·i·dence (rez′i dəns) ***n.*** **1** a residing **2** the place where one resides —**res′i·den′tial** (-den′shəl) ***adj.***

res′i·den·cy (-dən sē) ***n.,*** *pl.* **-cies** **1** RESIDENCE (sense 1) **2** a period of advanced, specialized medical or surgical training at a hospital

res′i·dent (-dənt) ***adj.*** residing; esp., living in a place while working, etc. —***n.*** **1** one who lives in a place, not just a visitor **2** a doctor who is serving a residency

re·sid·u·al (ri zij′o͞o əl) ***adj.*** of or being a

residue; remaining —***n.*** **1** something remaining **2** [*often pl.*] the fee paid for reruns on television, etc.

res·i·due (rez′ə dōō′) ***n.*** [< L *residuus,* remaining] that which is left after part is taken away; remainder

re·sid·u·um (ri zij′ōō əm) ***n.***, *pl.* **-u·a** (-ə) RESIDUE

re·sign (ri zīn′) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** [< L *re-,* back + *signare,* to sign] to give up (a claim, position, etc.) —**resign oneself** (**to**) to become reconciled (to)

res·ig·na·tion (rez′ig nā′shən) ***n.*** **1** *a*) the act of resigning *b*) formal notice of this **2** patient submission

re·signed (ri zīnd′) ***adj.*** feeling or showing resignation; submissive —**re·sign′ed·ly** (-zīn′id lē) ***adv.***

re·sil·ient (ri zil′yənt) ***adj.*** [< L *re-,* back + *salire,* to jump] **1** springing back into shape, etc. **2** recovering strength, spirits, etc. quickly —**re·sil′ience** or **re·sil′ien·cy** ***n.***

res·in (rez′ən) ***n.*** [< L *resina*] **1** a substance exuded from various plants and trees and used in varnishes, plastics, etc. **2** ROSIN —**res′in·ous** ***adj.***

re·sist (ri zist′) ***vt.*** [< L *re-,* back + *sistere,* to set] **1** to withstand; fend off **2** to oppose actively; fight against —***vi.*** to oppose or withstand something —**re·sist′er** ***n.*** —**re·sist′i·ble** ***adj.***

re·sist′ance ***n.*** **1** a resisting **2** power to resist, as to ward off disease **3** opposition of some force, thing, etc. to another, as to the flow of an electric current —**re·sist′ant** ***adj.***

re·sist′less ***adj.*** **1** irresistible **2** unable to resist

re·sis′tor ***n.*** a device used in an electrical circuit to provide resistance

re·sole (rē sōl′) ***vt.*** **-soled′**, **-sol′ing** to put a new sole on (a shoe, etc.)

res·o·lute (rez′ə lōōt′) ***adj.*** [see RE- & SOLVE] fixed and firm in purpose; determined —**res′o·lute′ly** ***adv.***

res′o·lu′tion ***n.*** **1** the act or result of resolving something **2** a thing determined upon; decision as to future action **3** a resolute quality of mind **4** a formal statement of opinion or determination by an assembly, etc.

re·solve (ri zälv′, -zôlv′) ***vt.*** **-solved′**, **-solv′ing** [see RE- & SOLVE] **1** to break up into separate parts **2** to change: used reflexively **3** to reach as a decision; determine *[to resolve to go]* **4** to solve (a problem) **5** to decide by vote —***n.*** **1** firm determination **2** a formal resolution —**re·solv′a·ble** ***adj.***

re·solved′ ***adj.*** determined; resolute

res·o·nant (rez′ə nənt) ***adj.*** [< L *resonare,* resound] **1** resounding **2** intensifying sound *[resonant walls]* **3** sonorous; vibrant *[a resonant voice]* —**res′o·nance** ***n.*** —**res′o·nate′** (-nāt′), **-nat′ed**, **-nat′ing**, ***vi.***, ***vt.***

res′o·na′tor ***n.*** a device that produces, or increases sound by, resonance

re·sort (ri zôrt′) ***vi.*** [< OFr *re-,* again + *sortir,* go out] to have recourse; turn (*to*) for help, etc. *[to resort to lies]* —***n.*** **1** a place to which people go often or generally, as on vacation **2** a source of help, support, etc.; recourse —**as a last resort** as the last available means

re·sound (ri zound′) ***vi.*** [< L *resonare*] **1** to reverberate **2** to make a loud, echoing sound —**re·sound′ing** ***adj.*** —**re·sound′ing·ly** ***adv.***

re·source (rē′sôrs′, ri sôrs′) ***n.*** [< OFr *re-,* again + *sourdre,* spring up] **1** something that lies ready for use or can be drawn upon for aid **2** [*pl.*] wealth; assets **3** resourcefulness

re·source′ful ***adj.*** able to deal effectively with problems, etc. —**re·source′ful·ness** ***n.***

re·spect (ri spekt′) ***vt.*** [< L *re-,* back + *specere,* look at] **1** to feel or show honor or esteem for **2** to show consideration for —***n.*** **1** honor or esteem **2** consideration or regard **3** [*pl.*] expressions of regard **4** a particular detail **5** reference; relation *[with respect to the problem]* —**re·spect′ful** ***adj.*** —**re·spect′ful·ly** ***adv.***

re·spect′a·ble ***adj.*** **1** worthy of respect or esteem **2** proper; correct **3** fairly good in quality or size **4** presentable —**re·spect′a·bil′i·ty** ***n.***

re·spect′ing ***prep.*** concerning; about

re·spec′tive ***adj.*** as relates individually to each one

re·spec′tive·ly ***adv.*** in regard to each, in the order named

res·pi·ra·tion (res′pə rā′shən) ***n.*** [< L *re-,* back + *spirare,* breathe] act or process of breathing —**res·pi·ra·to·ry** (res′pər ə tôr′ē, ri spī′rə-) ***adj.***

res′pi·ra′tor ***n.*** **1** a mask, as of gauze, to prevent the inhaling of harmful substances **2** an apparatus to maintain breathing by artificial means

res·pite (res′pit) ***n.*** [see RESPECT] **1** a delay or postponement **2** temporary relief, as from pain or work; lull

re·splend·ent (ri splen′dənt) ***adj.*** [< L *re-,* again + *splendere,* to shine] shining brightly; dazzling —**re·splend′ence** ***n.*** —**re·splend′ent·ly** ***adv.***

re·spond (ri spänd′) ***vi.*** [< L *re-,* back + *spondere,* to pledge] **1** to answer; reply **2** to react **3** to have a favorable reaction

re·spond′ent ***adj.*** responding —***n.*** *Law* a defendant

re·sponse (ri späns′) ***n.*** [see RESPOND] **1** something said or done in answer; reply **2** words sung or spoken by the congregation or choir replying to the clergyman **3** any reaction to a stimulus

re·spon·si·bil·i·ty (ri spän′sə bil′ə tē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ties** **1** a being responsible; obligation **2** a thing or person that one is responsible for

re·spon′si·ble (-bəl) ***adj.*** **1** expected or obliged to account (*for*); answerable (*to*) **2** involving obligation or duties **3** that is the cause of something **4** able to distinguish between right and wrong **5** dependable; reliable —**re·spon′si·bly** ***adv.***

re·spon′sive ***adj.*** reacting readily, as to suggestion or appeal —**re·spon′sive·ness** ***n.***

rest[1] (rest) ***n.*** [OE] **1** sleep or repose **2** ease or inactivity after exertion **3** relief

from anything distressing, tiring, etc. **4** absence of motion **5** a resting place **6** a supporting device **7** *Music* a measured interval of silence between tones, or a symbol for this —***vi.*** **1** to get ease and refreshment by sleeping or by ceasing from work **2** to be at ease **3** to be or become still **4** to lie, sit, or lean **5** to be placed or based (*in, on,* etc.) **6** to be found *[*the fault *rests* with him*]* **7** to rely; depend —***vt.*** **1** to give rest to **2** to put for ease, support, etc. *[rest* your head here*]* **3** *Law* to stop introducing evidence in (a case) —**lay to rest** to bury

rest[2] (rest) ***n.*** [< L *restare,* remain] **1** what is left **2** [*with pl. v.*] the others —***vi.*** to go on being *[rest* assured*]*

res·tau·rant (res′tə ränt′, res′träntˈ) ***n.*** [Fr: see RESTORE] a place where meals can be bought and eaten

res·tau·ra·teur (res′tə rə tʉr′, -toor′) ***n.*** [Fr] one who owns or operates a restaurant: also **res·tau·ran·teur** (res′tə rän′ tʉr′, -toor′)

rest·ful (rest′fəl) ***adj.*** **1** full of or giving rest **2** quiet; peaceful

rest home a residence that provides care for aged persons or convalescents

res·ti·tu·tion (res′tə tōō′shən) ***n.*** [< L *re-,* again + *statuere,* set up] **1** a giving back of something that has been lost or taken away; restoration **2** reimbursement, as for loss

res·tive (res′tiv) ***adj.*** [< OFr *rester,* remain] **1** unruly or balky **2** nervous under restraint; restless —**res′tive·ly** ***adv.*** —**res′tive·ness** ***n.***

rest′less ***adj.*** **1** unable to relax; uneasy **2** giving no rest; disturbed *[restless* sleep*]* **3** rarely quiet or still; active **4** discontented —**rest′less·ly** ***adv.*** —**rest′less·ness** ***n.***

res·to·ra·tion (res′tə rā′shən) ***n.*** **1** a restoring or being restored **2** something restored, as by rebuilding

re·stor·a·tive (ri stôr′ə tiv) ***adj.*** able to restore health, consciousness, etc. —***n.*** something that is restorative

re·store (ri stôr′) ***vt.*** **-stored′, -stor′ing** [< L *re-,* again + *-staurare,* to erect] **1** to give back (something taken, lost, etc.) **2** to return to a former or normal state, or to a position, rank, use, etc. **3** to bring back to health, strength, etc.

re·strain (ri strān′) ***vt.*** [< L *re-,* back + *stringere,* draw tight] **1** to hold back from action; check; suppress **2** to limit; restrict

re·straint (ri strānt′) ***n.*** **1** a restraining or being restrained **2** a means or instrument of restraining **3** confinement **4** control of emotions, impulses, etc.; reserve

re·strict (ri strikt′) ***vt.*** [see RESTRAIN] to keep within limits; confine —**re·strict′ed** ***adj.*** —**re·stric′tion** ***n.***

re·stric′tive ***adj.*** **1** restricting **2** *Gram.* designating a modifier, as a subordinate clause or phrase, that limits the reference of the word it modifies and is not set off by punctuation

rest′room′ ***n.*** a room in a public building, equipped with toilets, washbowls, etc.: also **rest room**

re·struc·ture (rē struk′chər) ***vt.*** **-tured, -tur·ing** **1** to plan or provide a new structure or organization for **2** to change the terms of (a loan, etc.)

re·sult (ri zult′) ***vi.*** [< L *resultare,* to rebound] **1** to happen as an effect **2** to end as a consequence (*in* something) —***n.*** **1** *a*) anything that comes about as an effect *b*) [*pl.*] the desired effect **2** the number, etc. obtained by mathematical calculation —**re·sult′ant** ***adj.***, ***n.***

re·sume (ri zōōm′) ***vt.*** **-sumed′, -sum′ing** [< L *re-,* again + *sumere,* take] **1** to take or occupy again **2** to continue after interruption —***vi.*** to proceed after interruption —**re·sump′tion** (-zump′ shən) ***n.***

ré·su·mé (rez′ə mā′) ***n.*** [Fr: see prec.] a summary, esp. of employment experience: also written **resume** or **resumé**

re·sur·face (rē sʉr′fis) ***vt.*** **-faced, -fac·ing** to put a new surface on —***vi.*** to come to the surface again

re·sur·gent (ri sʉr′jənt) ***adj.*** [see fol.] rising or tending to rise again —**re·sur′gence** ***n.***

res·ur·rec·tion (rez′ə rek′shən) ***n.*** [< L *resurgere,* rise again] **1** a rising from the dead **2** a coming back into notice, use, etc.; revival —**the Resurrection** *Theol.* the rising of Jesus from the dead —**res′ur·rect′** ***vt.***

re·sus·ci·tate (ri sus′ə tāt′) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** **-tat′ed, -tat′ing** [< L *re-,* again + *suscitare,* revive] to revive when apparently dead or in a faint, etc. —**re·sus′ci·ta′tion** ***n.*** —**re·sus′ci·ta′tor** ***n.***

ret *abbrev.* **1** retired **2** return(ed)

re·tail (rē′tāl′) ***n.*** [< OFr *re-,* again + *tailler,* to cut] the sale of goods in small quantities directly to the consumer —***adj.*** of or engaged in such sale —***adv.*** at a retail price —***vt.***, ***vi.*** to sell or be sold directly to the consumer —**re′tail′er** ***n.***

re·tain (ri tān′) ***vt.*** [< L *re-,* back + *tenere,* to hold] **1** to keep in possession, use, etc. **2** to hold in **3** to keep in mind **4** to hire by paying a retainer

re·tain′er ***n.*** **1** something that retains **2** a servant, attendant, etc. **3** a fee paid in advance to engage the services of a lawyer, etc.

retaining wall a wall for keeping earth from sliding or water from flooding

re·take (rē tāk′; *for n.* rē′tāk′) ***vt.*** **-took′, -tak′en, -tak′ing** **1** to take again; recapture **2** to photograph again —***n.*** a scene, etc. rephotographed

re·tal·i·ate (ri tal′ē āt′) ***vi.*** **-at′ed, -at′ing** [< L *re-,* back + *talio,* punishment in kind] to return like for like, esp. injury for injury —**re·tal′i·a′tion** ***n.*** —**re·tal′i·a·to′ry** ***adj.***

re·tard (ri tärd′) ***vt.*** [< L *re-,* back + *tardare,* make slow] to hinder, delay, or slow the progress of —**re·tar·da·tion** (rē′ tär dā′shən) ***n.***

re·tard′ant ***n.*** something that retards; esp., a substance that delays a chemical reaction —***adj.*** that retards

re·tard′ed ***adj.*** slowed or delayed in development, esp. mentally

retch (rech) ***vi.*** [OE *hræcan,* clear the

throat] to strain to vomit, esp. without bringing anything up

re·ten·tion (ri ten′shən) ***n.*** **1** a retaining or being retained **2** capacity for retaining **3** a remembering; memory —**re·ten′tive** ***adj.***

ret·i·cent (ret′ə sənt) ***adj.*** [< L *re-*, again + *tacere,* be silent] disinclined to speak; taciturn —**ret′i·cence** ***n.***

ret·i·na (ret′′n ə) ***n.***, *pl.* **-nas** or **-nae′** (-ē′) [prob. < L *rete*, a net] the innermost coat lining the eyeball, containing light-sensitive cells that are directly connected to the brain

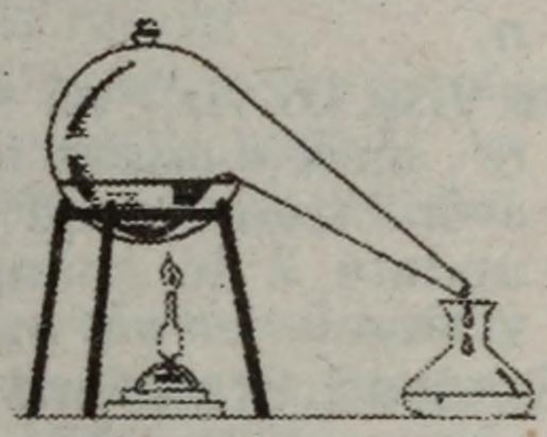
ret·i·nue (ret′′n o͞o′) ***n.*** [< OFr, ult. < L: see RETAIN] a group of persons attending a person of rank or importance

re·tire (ri tīr′) ***vi.*** **-tired′**, **-tir′ing** [< Fr *re-*, back + *tirer,* draw] **1** to withdraw to a secluded place **2** to go to bed **3** to retreat, as in battle **4** to give up one's work, business, etc., esp. because of age —***vt.*** **1** to pay off (bonds, etc.) **2** to cause to retire from a position, office, etc. **3** to withdraw from use **4** *Baseball* to put out (a batter, side, etc.) —**re·tir′ee′** ***n.*** —**re·tire′ment** ***n.***

re·tired′ ***adj.*** **1** secluded **2** *a*) no longer working, etc. as because of age *b*) of or for such retired persons

re·tir′ing ***adj.*** reserved; modest; shy

re·tool (rē to͞ol′) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** **1** to adapt (factory machinery) for a different product **2** to reorganize to meet new or different needs or conditions



RETORT

re·tort[1] (ri tôrt′) ***vt.*** [< L *re-*, back + *torquere,* to twist] to say in reply —***vi.*** to make a sharp, witty reply —***n.*** a sharp, witty reply

re·tort[2] (ri tôrt′) ***n.*** [< ML *retorta*: see prec.] a glass container with a long tube, in which substances are distilled

re·touch (rē tuch′) ***vt.*** to touch up details in (a painting, essay, etc.) so as to improve or change it

re·trace (rē trās′) ***vt.*** **-traced′**, **-trac′ing** [see RE- & TRACE[1]] to go back over again *[*to *retrace* one's steps*]*

re·tract (ri trakt′) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** [< L *re-*, back + *trahere,* draw] **1** to draw back or in **2** to withdraw (a statement, charge, etc.) —**re·tract′a·ble** or **re·trac′tile** (-trak′təl, -tīl′) ***adj.*** —**re·trac′tion** ***n.***

re·tread (rē tred′; *for n.* rē′tred′) ***vt.***, ***n.*** RECAP[1]

re·treat (ri trēt′) ***n.*** [< L *retrahere:* see RETRACT] **1** a withdrawal, as from danger **2** a safe, quiet place **3** a period of seclusion, esp. for spiritual renewal **4** *a*) the forced withdrawal of troops under attack *b*) a signal for this *c*) a signal, as by bugle, or a ceremony at sunset for lowering the national flag —***vi.*** to withdraw; go back

re·trench (rē trench′) ***vi.*** [< Fr: see RE- & TRENCH] to cut down expenses; economize —**re·trench′ment** ***n.***

ret·ri·bu·tion (re′trə by͞o͞o′shən) ***n.*** [< L *re-*, back + *tribuere,* to pay] punishment for evil done —**re·trib·u·tive** (ri trib′yo͞o tiv) ***adj.***

re·trieve (ri trēv′) ***vt.*** **-trieved′**, **-triev′ing** [< OFr *re-*, again + *trouver,* find] **1** to get back; recover **2** to restore **3** to make good (a loss, error, etc.) **4** to access (data) stored in a computer **5** to find and bring back (killed or wounded game): said of dogs —***vi.*** to retrieve game —**re·triev′al** ***n.***

re·triev′er ***n.*** a dog trained to retrieve game

retro- [< L] *combining form* backward, back, behind

ret·ro·ac·tive (re′trō ak′tiv) ***adj.*** having an effect on things that are already past —**ret′ro·ac′tive·ly** ***adv.***

ret·ro·fire (re′trə fīr′) ***vt.*** **-fired′**, **-fir′ing** to ignite (a retrorocket)

ret′ro·fit′ (-fit′) ***n.*** a change in design or equipment, as of an aircraft already in operation, so as to incorporate later improvements —***vt.***, ***vi.*** **-fit′ted**, **-fit′ting** to modify with a retrofit

ret′ro·grade′ (-grād′) ***adj.*** [< L: see RETRO- & GRADE] **1** moving backward **2** going back to a worse condition

ret′ro·gress′ (-gres′) ***vi.*** [< L: see prec.] to move backward, esp. into a worse condition; degenerate —**ret′ro·gres′sion** ***n.*** —**ret′ro·gres′sive** ***adj.***

ret·ro·rock·et or **ret·ro-rock·et** (re′trō räk′it) ***n.*** a small rocket, as on a spacecraft, producing thrust opposite to the direction of flight to reduce speed, as for maneuvering

ret·ro·spect (re′trə spekt′) ***n.*** [< L *retro-*, back + *specere,* to look] contemplation of the past —**ret′ro·spec′tion** ***n.***

ret′ro·spec′tive ***adj.*** looking back on the past —***n.*** a representative show of an artist's lifetime work

ret·si·na (ret sē′nə) ***n.*** [ModGr, prob. < It *resina*, resin] a Greek wine flavored with pine resin

re·turn (ri tʉrn′) ***vi.*** [< OFr: see RE- & TURN] **1** to go or come back **2** to answer; reply —***vt.*** **1** to bring, send, or put back **2** to do in reciprocation *[*to *return* a visit*]* **3** to yield (a profit, etc.) **4** to report officially **5** to elect or reelect —***n.*** **1** a coming or going back **2** a bringing, sending, or putting back **3** something returned **4** a recurrence **5** repayment; requital **6** [*often pl.*] yield or profit, as from investments **7** an answer; reply **8** *a*) an official report *[*election *returns]* *b*) a form for computing income tax —***adj.*** **1** of or for a return *[return* postage*]* **2** given, done, etc. in return —**in return** as a return; as an equivalent, response, etc. —**re·turn′a·ble** ***adj.***

re·turn′ee′ ***n.*** one who returns, as home from military service

Reu·ben (sandwich) (ro͞o′bən) a sandwich of rye bread, corned beef, sauerkraut, Swiss cheese, etc. served hot

re·u·ni·fy (rē yo͞o′nə fī′) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** **-fied′**, **-fy′ing** to unify again after being divided —**re·u′ni·fi·ca′tion** ***n.***

re·un·ion (rē yo͞on′yən) ***n.*** a coming together again, as after separation

re-up (rē up′) ***vi.*** **-upped′, -up′ping** ⟦RE- + (*sign*) *up*⟧ [Mil. Slang] to reenlist

rev[1] (rev) ***vt.*** **revved, rev′ving** ⟦< REV(OLUTION)⟧ [Inf.] **1** to increase the speed of (an engine) **2** to accelerate, intensify, etc. Usually with *up*

rev[2] *abbrev.* **1** revenue **2** revise(d) **3** revolution

Rev *abbrev.* **1** *Bible* Revelation **2** Reverend

re·vamp (rē vamp′) ***vt.*** to renovate; redo

re·veal (ri vēl′) ***vt.*** ⟦< L *re-*, back + *velum*, veil⟧ **1** to make known (something hidden or secret) **2** to show; exhibit; display

rev·eil·le (rev′ə lē) ***n.*** ⟦< Fr < L *re-*, again + *vigilare*, to watch⟧ a signal on a bugle, drum, etc. in the morning to waken soldiers, etc.

rev·el (rev′əl) ***vi.*** **-eled** or **-elled, -el·ing** or **-el·ling** ⟦< MFr < L *rebellare*, to rebel: see REBEL⟧ **1** to be festive; make merry **2** to take much pleasure (*in*) —***n.*** merrymaking —**rev′el·er** or **rev′el·ler** ***n.*** —**rev′el·ry**, *pl.* **-ries**, ***n.***

rev·e·la·tion (rev′ə lā′shən) ***n.*** **1** a revealing **2** a striking disclosure **3** *Theol.* God's disclosure to humanity of divine truth, etc. —[**R-**] the last book of the New Testament

re·venge (ri venj′) ***vt.*** **-venged′, -veng′ing** ⟦< OFr: see RE- & VENGEANCE⟧ to inflict harm in return for (an injury, etc.) —***n.*** **1** the act or result of revenging **2** desire to take vengeance —**re·venge′ful** ***adj.***

rev·e·nue (rev′ə no͞o′) ***n.*** ⟦< MFr, returned⟧ **1** return, as from investment; income **2** the income from taxes, licenses, etc., as of a city or nation

re·ver·ber·ate (ri vʉr′bə rāt′) ***vi., vt.*** **-at′ed, -at′ing** ⟦< L *re-*, again + *verberare*, to beat⟧ to reecho or cause to reecho —**re·ver′ber·a′tion** ***n.***

re·vere (ri vir′) ***vt.*** **-vered′, -ver′ing** ⟦< L *re-*, again + *vereri*, to fear⟧ to regard with deep respect, love, etc.

Re·vere (ri vir′), **Paul** 1735-1818; Am. silversmith & patriot

rev·er·ence (rev′ə rəns) ***n.*** a feeling of deep respect, love, and awe —***vt.*** **-enced, -enc·ing** to treat or regard with reverence; venerate —**rev′er·ent** or **rev′er·en′tial** (-ə ren′shəl) ***adj.*** —**rev′er·ent·ly** ***adv.***

rev·er·end (rev′ə rənd) ***adj.*** worthy of reverence: used with *the* as a title of respect for a member of the clergy *[the Reverend* A. B. Smith*]*

rev·er·ie (rev′ə rē) ***n.*** ⟦< Fr⟧ daydreaming or a daydream

re·vers (ri vir′, -ver′) ***n.***, *pl.* **-vers′** (-virz′, -verz′) ⟦Fr: see REVERT⟧ a part (of a garment) turned back to show the reverse side, as a lapel: also **re·vere′** (-vir′)

re·verse (ri vʉrs′) ***adj.*** ⟦see fol.⟧ **1** turned backward; opposite or contrary **2** causing movement in the opposite direction —***n.*** **1** the opposite or contrary **2** the back of a coin, medal, etc. **3** a change from good fortune to bad **4** a mechanism for reversing, as a gear on a machine —***vt.*** **-versed′, -vers′ing** **1** to turn backward, in an opposite position or direction, upside down, or inside out **2** to change to the opposite **3** *Law* to revoke or annul (a decision, etc.) —***vi.*** to go or turn in the opposite direction —**re·ver′sal** (-vʉr′səl) ***n.*** —**re·vers′i·ble** ***adj.*** —**re·vers′i·bly** ***adv.***

re·vert (ri vʉrt′) ***vi.*** ⟦< L *re-*, back + *vertere*, to turn⟧ **1** to go back, as to a former practice, state, subject, etc. **2** *Biol.* to return to a former or primitive type **3** *Law* to go back to a former owner or his or her heirs —**re·ver′sion** (-vʉr′zhən) ***n.*** —**re·vert′i·ble** ***adj.***

re·vet·ment (ri vet′mənt) ***n.*** ⟦< Fr⟧ **1** a facing of stone, cement, etc., as to protect an embankment **2** RETAINING WALL

re·view (ri vyo͞o′) ***n.*** ⟦< L *re-*, again + *videre*, see⟧ **1** a looking at or looking over again **2** a general survey or report **3** a looking back on (past events, etc.) **4** reexamination, as of the decision of a lower court **5** a critical evaluation of a book, play, etc. **6** a formal inspection, as of troops on parade —***vt.*** **1** to look back on **2** to survey in thought, speech, etc. **3** to inspect (troops, etc.) formally **4** to give a critical evaluation of (a book, etc.) **5** to study again —**re·view′er** ***n.***

re·vile (ri vīl′) ***vt.*** **-viled′, -vil′ing** ⟦< OFr: see RE- & VILE⟧ to use abusive language to or about —**re·vile′ment** ***n.*** —**re·vil′er** ***n.***

re·vise (ri vīz′) ***vt.*** **-vised′, -vis′ing** ⟦< L *re-*, back + *visere*, to survey⟧ **1** to read over carefully and correct, improve, or update **2** to change or amend —**re·vi′sion** (-vizh′ən) ***n.***

Revised Standard Version a 20th-c. version of the Bible

re·vi′sion·ist ***n.*** a person who revises, or favors the revision of, some accepted theory, doctrine, etc. —***adj.*** of revisionists or their policy or practice —**re·vi′sion·ism′** ***n.***

re·vis·it (rē viz′it) ***vt.*** **1** to visit again **2** to reconsider or reevaluate

re·viv·al (ri vī′vəl) ***n.*** **1** a reviving or being revived **2** a bringing or coming back into use, being, etc. **3** a new presentation of an earlier play, etc. **4** restoration to vigor or activity **5** a meeting led by an evangelist to stir up religious feeling —**re·viv′al·ist** ***n.***

re·vive (ri vīv′) ***vi., vt.*** **-vived′, -viv′ing** ⟦< L *re-*, again + *vivere*, to live⟧ **1** to return to life or consciousness **2** to return to health or vigor **3** to come or bring back into use, attention, popularity, etc.

re·viv·i·fy (ri viv′ə fī′) ***vt.*** **-fied′, -fy′ing** to put new life or vigor into —***vi.*** to revive —**re·viv′i·fi·ca′tion** ***n.***

re·voke (ri vōk′) ***vt.*** **-voked′, -vok′ing** ⟦< L *re-*, back + *vocare*, to call⟧ to withdraw, repeal, or cancel (a law, etc.) —**rev·o·ca·ble** (rev′ə kə bəl, ri vō′kə-) ***adj.*** —**rev′o·ca′tion** (-kā′shən) ***n.***

re·volt (ri vōlt′) ***n.*** ⟦< Fr: see REVOLVE⟧ a rebelling against the government or any authority —***vi.*** to rebel against authority —***vt.*** to disgust —**re·volt′ing** ***adj.*** —**re·volt′ing·ly** ***adv.***

rev·o·lu·tion (rev′ə lo͞o′shən) ***n.*** ⟦see

REVOLVE] **1** the movement of a body in an orbit **2** a turning around an axis; rotation **3** a complete cycle of events **4** a complete change **5** overthrow of a government, social system, etc. —**rev'o·lu'tion·ar'y**, *pl.* **-ies**, ***n.***, ***adj.*** —**rev'o·lu'tion·ist** ***n.***

Revolutionary War *see* AMERICAN REVOLUTION

rev'o·lu'tion·ize' (-shə nīz') ***vt.*** **-ized'**, **-iz'ing** to make a fundamental change in

re·volve (ri välv', -vôlv') ***vt.*** **-volved'**, **-volv'ing** [< L *re-*, back + *volvere*, to roll] to turn over in the mind —***vi.*** **1** to move in a circle or orbit **2** to rotate —**re·volv'a·ble** ***adj.***

re·volv'er ***n.*** a handgun with a revolving cylinder containing cartridges

re·vue (ri vyo͞o') ***n.*** [Fr, review] a musical show with skits, dances, etc., often parodying recent events

re·vul·sion (ri vul'shən) ***n.*** [< L *re-*, back + *vellere*, to pull] extreme disgust; loathing

re·ward (ri wôrd') ***n.*** [< OFr *regarde*: see REGARD] **1** something given in return for something done **2** money offered, as for capturing a criminal —***vt.*** to give a reward to (someone) for (service, etc.)

re·ward'ing ***adj.*** giving a sense of reward or worthwhile return

re·wind (rē wīnd') ***vt.*** **-wound'**, **-wind'ing** to wind again; specif., to wind (film or tape) back on the original reel

re·word' ***vt.*** to change the wording of

re·write' ***vt.***, ***vi.*** **-wrote'**, **-writ'ten**, **-writ'ing** **1** to write again **2** to revise (something written) **3** to write (news turned in) in a form suitable for publication

Rey·kja·vík (rā'kyə vēk', -vik') seaport & capital of Iceland: pop. 103,000

RFD *abbrev.* Rural Free Delivery

rhap·so·dize (rap'sə dīz') ***vi.***, ***vt.*** **-dized'**, **-diz'ing** to speak or write in a rhapsodic manner

rhap'so·dy (-sə dē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-dies** [< Gr *rhaptein*, stitch together + *ōidē*, song] **1** any ecstatic or enthusiastic speech or writing **2** a musical composition of free, irregular form, suggesting improvisation —**rhap·sod'ic** (-säd'ik) or **rhap·sod'i·cal** ***adj.***

rhe·a (rē'ə) ***n.*** [< Gr] a large, flightless South American bird, like an ostrich but smaller

rhe·o·stat (rē'ə stat') ***n.*** [< Gr *rheos*, current + -STAT] a device for varying the resistance of an electric circuit, used as for dimming or brightening electric lights

rhesus (monkey) (rē'səs) [< Gr proper name] a brownish-yellow monkey of India: used in medical research

rhet·o·ric (ret'ə rik) ***n.*** [< Gr *rhētōr*, orator] **1** the art of using words effectively; esp., the art of prose composition **2** showy, elaborate language that is empty or insincere —**rhe·tor·i·cal** (ri tôr' i kəl) ***adj.*** —**rhet'o·ri'cian** (-ə rish'ən) ***n.***

rhetorical question a question asked only for rhetorical effect, no answer being expected

rheum (ro͞om) ***n.*** [< Gr *rheuma*, a flow] watery discharge from the eyes, nose, etc., as in a cold

rheumatic fever an acute or chronic disease, usually of children, with fever, swelling of the joints, inflammation of the heart, etc.

rheu·ma·tism (ro͞o'mə tiz'əm) ***n.*** [see RHEUM] *nontechnical term for* a painful condition of the joints and muscles —**rheu·mat'ic** (-mat'ik) ***adj.***, ***n.*** —**rheu'ma·toid'** (-mə toid') ***adj.***

rheumatoid arthritis a chronic disease with painful swelling of joints, often leading to deformity

Rh factor (är'āch') [first discovered in RH(ESUS) monkeys] a group of antigens, usually present in human blood: people who have this factor are **Rh positive**; those who do not are **Rh negative**

Rhine (rīn) river in W Europe, flowing from E Switzerland through Germany & the Netherlands into the North Sea

rhine·stone (rīn'stōn') ***n.*** a bright, colorless artificial gem of hard glass, often cut like a diamond

Rhine wine a light white wine, esp. one produced in the valley of the Rhine

rhi·ni·tis (rī nīt'is) ***n.*** [< Gr *rhis*, nose + -ITIS] inflammation of the nasal mucous membrane

rhi·no (rī'nō) ***n.***, *pl.* **-nos** or **-no** *short for* RHINOCEROS

rhi·noc·er·os (rī näs'ər əs) ***n.*** [< Gr *rhis*, nose + *keras*, horn] a large, thick-skinned, plant-eating mammal of Africa and Asia, with one or two upright horns on the snout

rhi·zome (rī'zōm') ***n.*** [< Gr *rhiza*, a root] a horizontal stem on or under soil, bearing leaves near its tips and roots from its undersurface

rho (rō) ***n.*** the 17th letter of the Greek alphabet (P, ρ)

Rhode Island (rōd) New England state of the U.S.: 1,045 sq. mi.; pop. 1,003,000; cap. Providence: abbrev. *RI* —**Rhode Islander**

Rhodes (rōdz) large Greek island in the Aegean

rho·do·den·dron (rō'də den'drən) ***n.*** [< Gr *rhodon*, rose + *dendron*, tree] any of various trees or shrubs, mainly evergreen, with showy flowers

rhom·boid (räm'boid') ***n.*** [< Fr: see fol. & -OID] a parallelogram with oblique angles and only the opposite sides equal

rhom·bus (räm'bəs) ***n.***, *pl.* **-bus·es** or **-bi'** (-bī') [L < Gr *rhombos*, turnable object] an equilateral parallelogram, esp. one with oblique angles

Rhone or **Rhône** (rōn) river flowing through SW Switzerland & France into the Mediterranean

rhu·barb (ro͞o'bärb') ***n.*** [< Gr *rhēon*, rhubarb + *barbaron*, foreign] **1** a plant with long, thick stalks that are cooked into a sauce, etc. **2** [Slang] a heated argument

rhyme (rīm) ***n.*** [< OFr] **1** a poem or

verse with like recurring sounds, esp. at ends of lines **2** such verse, poetry, or likeness of sounds **3** a word like another in end sound —***vi.*** **rhymed**, **rhym'ing** **1** to make (rhyming) verse **2** to form a rhyme *["more" rhymes* with "door"*]* —***vt.*** **1** to put into rhyme **2** to use as a rhyme

rhym'er ***n.*** a maker of rhymes, esp. a rhymester

rhyme'ster ***n.*** a maker of trivial rhyme

rhythm (ri*th*'əm) ***n.*** ⟦< Gr *rhythmos,* measure⟧ **1** movement, flow, etc. characterized by regular recurrence of beat, accent, etc. **2** the pattern of this in music, verse, etc. —**rhyth'mic** (-mik) or **rhyth'mi·cal** ***adj.*** —**rhyth'mi·cal·ly** ***adv.***

rhythm and blues the form of American popular music from which rock-and-roll derives

rhythm method a method of seeking birth control by abstaining from intercourse during the woman's probable ovulation period

RI Rhode Island

rib (rib) ***n.*** ⟦OE⟧ **1** any of the arched bones attached to the spine and enclosing the chest cavity **2** anything like a rib in appearance or function —***vt.*** **ribbed**, **rib'bing** **1** to strengthen or form with ribs **2** [Slang] to make fun of; kid

rib·ald (rib'əld) ***adj.*** ⟦< OHG *riban*, to rub⟧ coarse or vulgar in joking, speaking, etc. —**rib'ald·ry** ***n.***

rib·bon (rib'ən) ***n.*** ⟦< MFr *ruban*⟧ **1** a narrow strip of silk, rayon, etc. used for decoration, tying, etc. **2** [*pl.*] torn shreds **3** an inked strip for printing, as in a typewriter, etc.

rib'bon-cut'ting ***n.*** a ceremony to officially open a new building, construction site, etc.

rib'-eye' (**steak**) boneless beefsteak from the rib section

ri·bo·fla·vin (rī'bə flā'vin) ***n.*** ⟦< *ribose*, a sugar + L *flavus*, yellow⟧ a B vitamin found in milk, eggs, fruits, etc.: see VITAMIN B (COMPLEX)

rice (rīs) ***n.*** ⟦< Gr *oryza*⟧ **1** an aquatic cereal grass grown widely in warm climates, esp. in East Asia **2** the starchy grains of this grass, used as food —***vt.*** **riced**, **ric'ing** to make ricelike granules from (cooked potatoes, etc.) using a utensil with small holes (**ric'er**)

rich (rich) ***adj.*** ⟦< OFr⟧ **1** owning much money or property; wealthy **2** well-supplied (*with*); abounding (*in*) **3** valuable or costly **4** full of choice ingredients, as butter, sugar, etc. *[rich* pastries*]* **5** *a)* full and mellow (said of sounds) *b)* deep; vivid (said of colors) *c)* very fragrant **6** abundant **7** yielding in abundance, as soil **8** [Inf.] very amusing — **the rich** wealthy people collectively — **rich'ly** ***adv.*** —**rich'ness** ***n.***

Rich·ard I (rich'ərd) 1157-99; king of England (1189-99): called **Richard Coeur de Li·on** (kʉr' də lē'ən) or **Richard the Li'on-Heart'ed**

rich·es (rich'iz) ***pl.n.*** ⟦< OFr *richesse*⟧ wealth

Rich·mond (rich'mənd) capital of Virginia: pop. 203,000

Rich·ter scale (rik'tər) ⟦devised by C. *Richter* (1900-85), U.S. geologist⟧ a scale for measuring the magnitude of earthquakes

rick (rik) ***n.*** ⟦OE *hreac*⟧ a stack of hay, straw, etc.

rick·ets (rik'its) ***n.*** ⟦< ? Gr *rhachis,* spine⟧ a disease, chiefly of children, characterized by a softening and, often, bending of the bones

rick·et·y (rik'it ē) ***adj.*** feeble; weak; shaky

rick·shaw or **rick·sha** (rik'shô') ***n.*** JINRIKISHA

ric·o·chet (rik'ə shā') ***n.*** ⟦Fr⟧ the oblique rebound of a bullet, etc. after striking a surface at an angle —***vi.*** **-cheted'** (-shād'), **-chet'ing** (-shā'iŋ) to make a ricochet

ri·cot·ta (ri kät'ə) ***n.*** ⟦It < L *recocta,* recooked⟧ a soft cheese made from whey, whole milk, or both

rid (rid) ***vt.*** **rid** or **rid'ded**, **rid'ding** ⟦< ON *rythja,* to clear (land)⟧ to free or relieve, as of something undesirable —**get rid of** to give or throw away or to destroy

rid·dance (rid''ns) ***n.*** a ridding or being rid —**good riddance** an expression of satisfaction at being rid of something

rid·den (rid''n) ***vi.***, ***vt.*** *pp. of* RIDE —***adj.*** dominated: used in compounds *[*fear-*ridden]*

rid·dle[1] (rid''l) ***n.*** ⟦OE *rædels*⟧ **1** a puzzling question, etc. requiring some ingenuity to answer **2** any puzzling person or thing

rid·dle[2] (rid''l) ***vt.*** **-dled**, **-dling** ⟦< OE *hriddel*, a sieve⟧ **1** to make many holes in **2** to affect every part of *[riddled* with errors*]*

ride (rīd) ***vi.*** **rode**, **rid'den**, **rid'ing** ⟦OE *ridan*⟧ **1** to be carried along by a horse, in a vehicle, etc. **2** to be supported in motion (*on* or *upon*) *[*tanks *ride* on treads*]* **3** to admit of being ridden *[*the car *rides* smoothly*]* **4** to move or float on water **5** [Inf.] to continue undisturbed *[*let the matter *ride]* —***vt.*** **1** to sit on or in and control so as to move along **2** to move over, along, or through (a road, area, etc.) by horse, car, etc. **3** to control, dominate, etc. *[ridden* by doubts*]* **4** [Inf.] to tease with ridicule, etc. —***n.*** **1** a riding **2** a thing to ride at an amusement park

rid'er ***n.*** **1** one who rides **2** an addition or amendment to a document

rid'er·ship' ***n.*** the passengers of a particular transportation system

ridge (rij) ***n.*** ⟦< OE *hrycg,* animal's spine⟧ **1** the long, narrow crest of something **2** a long, narrow elevation of land **3** any raised narrow strip **4** the horizontal line formed by the meeting of two sloping surfaces —***vt.***, ***vi.*** **ridged**, **ridg'ing** to mark or be marked with, or form into, ridges

ridge'pole' ***n.*** the horizontal beam at the ridge of a roof, to which the rafters are attached

rid·i·cule (rid'i kyo͞ol') ***n.*** ⟦< L *ridere,* to laugh⟧ **1** the act of making someone the object of scornful laughter **2** words

or actions intended to produce such laughter —*vt.* **-culed′**, **-cul′ing** to make fun of; deride; mock

ri·dic·u·lous (ri dik′yə ləs) *adj.* deserving ridicule —**ri·dic′u·lous·ly** *adv.* —**ri·dic′u·lous·ness** *n.*

rife (rīf) *adj.* [OE *ryfe*] **1** widespread **2** abounding *[rife* with error*]*

riff (rif) *n.* [prob. altered < REFRAIN²] *Jazz* a constantly repeated musical phrase —*vi. Jazz* to perform a riff

rif·fle (rif′əl) *n.* [< ?] **1** a ripple in a stream, produced by a reef, etc. **2** a certain way of shuffling cards —*vt.*, *vi.* **-fled**, **-fling** to shuffle (playing cards) by letting a divided deck fall together as the corners are slipped through one's thumbs

riff·raff (rif′raf′) *n.* [< OFr] those people regarded as worthless, disreputable, etc.

ri·fle[1] (rī′fəl) *vt.* **-fled**, **-fling** [Fr *rifler,* to scrape] to cut spiral grooves within (a gun barrel, etc.) —*n.* a gun, fired from the shoulder, with a rifled barrel to spin the bullet for greater accuracy

ri·fle[2] (rī′fəl) *vt.* **-fled**, **-fling** [< OFr *rifler*] to ransack and rob —**ri′fler** *n.*

ri′fle·man (-mən) *n.*, *pl.* **-men** (-mən) a soldier armed with a rifle

ri·fling (rī′fliŋ) *n.* spiral grooves cut within a gun barrel to make the projectile spin

rift (rift) *n.* [< Dan, fissure] an opening caused by splitting; cleft —*vt.*, *vi.* to burst open; split

rig (rig) *vt.* **rigged**, **rig′ging** [< Scand] **1** to fit (a ship, mast, etc.) with (sails, shrouds, etc.) **2** to assemble **3** to equip **4** to arrange dishonestly **5** [Inf.] to dress: with *out* —*n.* **1** the way sails, etc. are rigged **2** equipment; gear **3** oil-drilling equipment **4** a tractor-trailer

rig·a·ma·role (rig′ə mə rōl′) *n. var. of* RIGMAROLE

rig′ging *n.* the ropes, chains, etc. for a vessel's masts, sails, etc.

right (rīt) *adj.* [< OE *riht*, straight] **1** with a straight line or plane perpendicular to a base *[*a *right* angle*]* **2** upright; virtuous **3** correct **4** fitting; suitable **5** designating the side or surface meant to be seen **6** mentally or physically sound **7** *a)* designating or of that side of the body toward the east when one faces north *b)* designating or of the corresponding side of anything *c)* closer to the right side of one who is facing the thing mentioned —*n.* **1** what is right, just, etc. **2** power, privilege, etc. belonging to one by law, nature, etc. **3** the right side **4** the right hand **5** [*often* **R-**] *Politics* a conservative or reactionary position, party, etc.: often with *the* —*adv.* **1** straight; directly *[*go *right* home*]* **2** properly; fittingly **3** completely **4** exactly *[right* here*]* **5** according to law, justice, etc. **6** correctly **7** on or toward the right side **8** very: in certain titles *[*the *right* reverend*]* —*interj.* agreed! OK! —*vt.* **1** to put upright **2** to correct **3** to put in order —**right away** (or **off**) at once —**right on!** [Slang] that's right! —**right′ly** *adv.* —**right′ness** *n.*

right′a·bout′-face′ *n.* ABOUT-FACE

right angle an angle of 90 degrees

right·eous (rī′chəs) *adj.* **1** acting in a just, upright manner; virtuous **2** morally right or justifiable —**right′eous·ly** *adv.* —**right′eous·ness** *n.*

right′ful *adj.* **1** fair and just; right **2** having a lawful claim —**right′ful·ly** *adv.* —**right′ful·ness** *n.*

right′-hand′ *adj.* **1** on or toward the right **2** of, for, or with the right hand **3** most helpful or reliable *[*a *right-hand* man*]*

right′-hand′ed *adj.* **1** using the right hand more skillfully than the left **2** done with or made for use with the right hand —*adv.* **1** with the right hand **2** in such a way that the bat, club, etc. swings leftward —**right′-hand′ed·ness** *n.*

right′ist *n.*, *adj.* conservative or reactionary

right′-mind′ed *adj.* having sound principles

right of way **1** the right to move first at intersections **2** land over which a road, power line, etc. passes **3** right of passage, as over another's property Also **right′-of-way′**

right′-to-life′ *adj.* designating any movement, party, etc. opposed to abortion —**right′-to-lif′er** *n.*

right triangle a triangle with a right angle

right wing the more conservative or reactionary section of a political party or group —**right′-wing′** *adj.* —**right′-wing′er** *n.*

rig·id (rij′id) *adj.* [< L *rigere,* be stiff] **1** not bending or flexible; stiff **2** not moving; fixed **3** severe; strict **4** having a rigid framework: said of a dirigible —**ri·gid·i·ty** (ri jid′ə tē) or **rig′id·ness** *n.* —**rig′id·ly** *adv.*

rig·ma·role (rig′mə rōl′) *n.* [< ME *rageman rolle,* long list] **1** nonsense **2** a foolishly complicated procedure

rig·or (rig′ər) *n.* [< L *rigere:* see RIGID] **1** severity; strictness **2** hardship Brit. sp. **rig′our** —**rig′or·ous** *adj.* —**rig′or·ous·ly** *adv.*

rigor mor·tis (môr′tis) [L, stiffness of death] the stiffening of the muscles after death

rile (rīl) *vt.* **riled**, **ril′ing** [var. of ROIL] [Inf. or Dial.] to anger; irritate

rill (ril) *n.* [< Du *ril*] a rivulet

rim (rim) *n.* [OE *rima*] **1** an edge, border, or margin, esp. of something circular **2** the outer part of a wheel —*vt.* **rimmed**, **rim′ming** to put a rim or rims on or around —**rim′less** *adj.*

rime[1] (rīm) *n.*, *vi.*, *vt.* **rimed**, **rim′ing** RHYME

rime[2] (rīm) *n.* [OE *hrim*] FROST (sense 2)

rind (rīnd) *n.* [OE] a hard outer layer or covering

ring[1] (riŋ) *vi.* **rang** or [Now Chiefly Dial.] **rung**, **rung**, **ring′ing** [OE *hringan*] **1** to give forth a resonant sound, as a bell **2** to seem *[*to *ring* true*]* **3** to sound a bell,

esp. as a summons **4** to resound *[to ring* with laughter*]* **5** to have a ringing sensation, as the ears —***vt.*** **1** to cause (a bell, etc.) to ring **2** to signal, announce, etc., as by ringing **3** to call by telephone —***n.*** **1** the sound of a bell **2** a characteristic quality *[*the *ring* of truth*]* **3** the act of ringing a bell **4** a telephone call —**ring a bell** to stir up a memory

ring[2] (riŋ) ***n.*** ⟦OE *hring*⟧ **1** an ornamental circular band worn on a finger **2** any similar band *[*a key *ring]* **3** a circular line, mark, figure, or course **4** a group of people or things in a circle **5** a group working to advance its own interests, esp. by dishonest means **6** an enclosed area for contests, exhibitions, etc. *[*a circus *ring]* **7** prizefighting: with *the* —***vt.*** **ringed, ring′ing** **1** to encircle **2** to form into a ring —**run rings around** **1** to run much faster than **2** to do much better than

ring′er[1] ***n.*** a horseshoe, etc. thrown so that it encircles the peg

ring′er[2] ***n.*** **1** one that rings a bell, etc. **2** [Slang] *a*) a person or thing closely resembling another *b*) a fraudulent substitute in a competition

ring′lead′er ***n.*** one who leads others, esp. in unlawful acts, etc.

ring′let (-lit) ***n.*** a long curl of hair

ring′mas′ter ***n.*** a person who directs the performances in a circus ring

ring′side′ ***n.*** **1** the place just outside a boxing or circus ring **2** any place providing a close view

ring′worm′ ***n.*** a contagious skin disease caused by a fungus

rink (riŋk) ***n.*** ⟦< OFr *renc,* a rank⟧ **1** an expanse of ice for skating **2** a smooth floor for roller-skating

rinse (rins) ***vt.*** **rinsed, rins′ing** ⟦ult. < L *recens,* fresh⟧ **1** to wash or flush lightly **2** to remove soap, etc. from with clear water —***n.*** **1** a rinsing or the liquid used **2** a solution used to rinse or tint hair

Ri·o de Ja·nei·ro (rē′ō dā′ zhə ner′ō) city & seaport in SE Brazil: pop. 5,093,000

Ri·o Gran·de (rē′ō grand′, -gran′dē) river flowing from S Colorado into the Gulf of Mexico: the S border of Texas

ri·ot (rī′ət) ***n.*** ⟦< OFr *riote*, dispute⟧ **1** wild or violent disorder, confusion, etc.; esp., a violent public disturbance **2** a brilliant display **3** [Inf.] something very funny —***vi.*** to take part in a riot —**read the riot act to** to command to stop by threatening punishment —**run riot** **1** to act wildly **2** to grow wild in abundance —**ri′ot·er** ***n.*** —**ri′ot·ous** ***adj.***

rip (rip) ***vt.*** **ripped, rip′ping** ⟦ME *rippen*⟧ **1** *a*) to cut or tear apart roughly *b*) to remove in this way (with *off, out*, etc.) *c*) to sever the threads of (a seam) **2** to saw (wood) along the grain —***vi.*** **1** to become ripped **2** [Inf.] to rush; speed —***n.*** a ripped place —**rip into** [Inf.] to attack, esp. verbally —**rip off** [Slang] **1** to steal **2** to cheat or exploit —**rip′per** ***n.***

R.I.P. or **RIP** *abbrev.* may he (she) rest in peace

rip cord a cord, etc. pulled to open a parachute during descent

ripe (rīp) ***adj.*** ⟦OE⟧ **1** ready to be harvested, as grain or fruit **2** of sufficient age, etc. to be used *[ripe* cheese*]* **3** fully developed; mature **4** fully prepared; ready *[ripe* for action*]* —**ripe′ly** ***adv.*** —**ripe′ness** ***n.***

rip·en (rī′pən) ***vi.***, ***vt.*** to become or make ripe; mature, age, etc.

rip′-off′ ***n.*** [Slang] the act or an instance of stealing, cheating, etc.

ri·poste or **ri·post** (ri pōst′) ***n.*** ⟦Fr < L *respondere*, to answer⟧ a sharp, swift response; retort

rip·ple (rip′əl) ***vi.***, ***vt.*** **-pled, -pling** ⟦prob. < RIP⟧ to have or form little waves on the surface (of) —***n.*** **1** a small wave **2** a rippling

ripple effect the spreading effects caused by a single event

rip′-roar′ing (-rôr′iŋ) ***adj.*** [Slang] boisterous; uproarious

rip′saw′ ***n.*** a saw with coarse teeth, for cutting wood along the grain

rip′tide′ ***n.*** a current opposing other currents, esp. along a seashore: also **rip tide**

rise (rīz) ***vi.*** **rose, ris·en** (riz′ən), **ris′ing** ⟦< OE *risan*⟧ **1** to stand or sit up after sitting, kneeling, or lying **2** to rebel; revolt **3** to go up; ascend **4** to appear above the horizon, as the sun **5** to attain a higher level, rank, etc. **6** to extend, slant, or move upward **7** to increase in amount, degree, etc. **8** to expand and swell, as dough with yeast **9** to originate; begin **10** *Theol.* to return to life —***n.*** **1** upward movement; ascent **2** an advance in status, rank, etc. **3** a slope upward **4** an increase in degree, amount, etc. **5** beginning; origin —**give rise to** to bring about

ris′er ***n.*** **1** one that rises **2** a vertical piece between the steps in a stairway

ris·i·ble (riz′ə bəl) ***adj.*** ⟦< L *ridere,* to laugh⟧ causing laughter; funny —**ris′i·bil′i·ty**, *pl.* **-ties**, ***n.***

ris′ing ***n.*** an uprising; revolt

risk (risk) ***n.*** ⟦< Fr < It *risco*⟧ the chance of injury, damage, or loss —***vt.*** **1** to expose to risk *[*to *risk* one's life*]* **2** to incur the risk of *[*to *risk* a war*]* —**risk′y, -i·er, -i·est,** ***adj.***

ris·qué (ris kā′) ***adj.*** ⟦Fr < *risquer,* to risk⟧ very close to being improper or indecent; suggestive

Rit·a·lin (rit′ᵊl in) *trademark for* a stimulant drug used to treat depression, hyperactivity, etc.

rite (rīt) ***n.*** ⟦L *ritus*⟧ a ceremonial, solemn act, as in religious use

rite of passage a significant event, ceremony, etc. in a person's life

rit·u·al (rich′o͞o əl) ***adj.*** of, like, or done as a rite —***n.*** a set form or system of rites, religious or otherwise —**rit′u·al·ism′** ***n.*** —**rit′u·al·ly** ***adv.***

ri·val (rī′vəl) ***n.*** ⟦< L *rivalis*⟧ one who tries to get or do the same thing as another, or to equal or surpass another; competitor —***adj.*** acting as a rival; competing —***vt.*** **-valed** or **-valled, -val·ing** or

-val·ling 1 to try to equal or surpass 2 to equal in some way —**ri′val·rous** *adj.* —**ri′val·ry**, *pl.* **-ries**, *n.*

riv·en (riv′ən) ***adj.*** torn apart or split

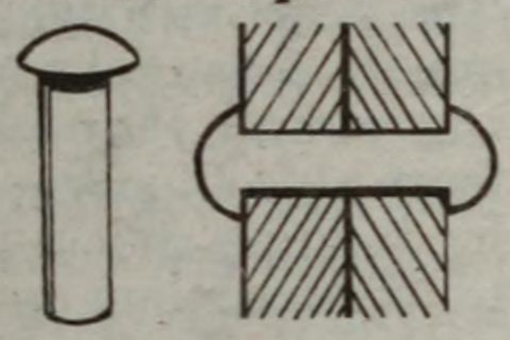
riv·er (riv′ər) ***n.*** [< L *ripa*, a bank] a natural stream of water flowing into an ocean, a lake, etc.

river basin the area drained by a river and its tributaries

riv′er·side′ ***n.*** the bank of a river

Riv·er·side (riv′ər sīd′) city in S California: pop. 227,000

riv·et (riv′it) ***n.*** [Fr < *river*, to clinch] a metal bolt with a head and a plain end that is flattened after the bolt is passed through parts to be held together —***vt.*** to fasten with or as with rivets —**riv′et·er** ***n.***



RIVET RIVET HOLDING STEEL BEAMS TOGETHER

Riv·i·er·a (riv′ē er′ə) strip of the Mediterranean coast of SE France & NW Italy: a resort area

riv·u·let (riv′yo͞o lit) ***n.*** [< L *rivus*, brook] a little stream

rm *abbrev.* 1 ream 2 room

Rn *Chem. symbol for* radon

RN *abbrev.* Registered Nurse

RNA ***n.*** [*r*(*ibo*)*n*(*ucleic*) *a*(*cid*)] an essential component of all living matter: one form carries genetic information

roach[1] (rōch) ***n.*** *short for* COCKROACH

roach[2] (rōch) ***n.***, *pl.* **roach** or **roach′es** [< OFr *roche*] a freshwater fish of the carp family

road (rōd) ***n.*** [OE *rad*, a ride] 1 a way made for traveling; highway 2 a way; course *[*the *road* to fortune*]* 3 [*often pl.*] a place near shore where ships can ride at anchor —**on the road** traveling, as by a salesman or a touring troupe of actors

road′bed′ ***n.*** the foundation laid for railroad tracks, a highway, etc.

road′block′ ***n.*** 1 a blockade set up in a road as to prevent movement of vehicles 2 any hindrance

road′kill′ ***n.*** [Slang] the body of an animal killed by a passing vehicle

road rage angry or violent behavior by motorists, as caused by stress in traffic

road′run′ner ***n.*** a long-tailed, swift-running desert bird of the SW U.S. and N Mexico: also **road runner**

road′show′ ***n.*** a touring theatrical show

road′side′ ***n.*** the side of a road —***adj.*** on or at the side of a road

road′way′ ***n.*** a road; specif., the part of a road used by vehicles

road′work′ ***n.*** distance running or jogging as an exercise, esp. by a boxer

roam (rōm) ***vi.***, ***vt.*** [ME *romen*] to wander aimlessly (over or through) —**roam′er** ***n.***

roan (rōn) ***adj.*** [< OSp *roano*] bay, black, etc. thickly sprinkled with white —***n.*** a roan horse

roar (rôr) ***vi.*** [OE *rarian*] 1 to make a loud, deep, rumbling sound 2 to laugh boisterously —***vt.*** to say loudly —***n.*** a loud, deep, rumbling sound

roast (rōst) ***vt.*** [< OFr *rostir*] 1 to cook (meat, etc.) with little or no moisture, as in an oven or over an open fire 2 to process (coffee, etc.) by exposure to heat 3 to expose to great heat 4 [Inf.] to criticize severely —***vi.*** 1 to undergo roasting 2 to be or become very hot —***n.*** 1 roasted meat 2 a cut of meat for roasting 3 a picnic at which food is roasted —***adj.*** roasted *[roast* pork*]* —**roast′er** ***n.***

rob (räb) ***vt.*** **robbed**, **rob′bing** [< OFr *rober*] 1 to take money, etc. from unlawfully by force; steal from 2 to deprive *of* something unjustly or injuriously —***vi.*** to be one who robs —**rob′ber** ***n.*** —**rob′ber·y**, *pl.* **-ies**, ***n.***

robe (rōb) ***n.*** [< OFr] 1 a long, loose outer garment 2 such a garment worn to show rank or office, as by a judge 3 a bathrobe or dressing gown 4 a covering or wrap *[*a lap *robe*] —***vt.***, ***vi.*** **robed**, **rob′ing** to dress in a robe

rob·in (rä′bən) ***n.*** [< OFr dim. of *Robert*] a North American thrush with a dull-red breast

Robin Hood *Eng. Legend* the leader of a band of outlaws who robs the rich to help the poor

Ro·bin·son Cru·soe (rä′bən sən kro͞o′ sō′) the title hero of Defoe's novel (1719) about a shipwrecked sailor

ro·bot (rō′bät′) ***n.*** [< Czech < OSlav *rabu*, servant] 1 a mechanical device operating automatically, in a seemingly human way 2 a person acting like a robot

ro·bot′ics ***n.*** the science or technology of robots, their design, use, etc.

ro·bust (rō bust′, rō′bust′) ***adj.*** [< L *robur*, oak] strong and healthy —**ro·bust′ly** ***adv.*** —**ro·bust′ness** ***n.***

Roch·es·ter (räch′əs tər) city in W New York: pop. 230,000

rock[1] (räk) ***n.*** [< ML *rocca*] 1 a large mass of stone 2 broken pieces of stone 3 mineral matter formed in masses in the earth's crust 4 anything like a rock; esp., a firm support —**on the rocks** [Inf.] 1 in trouble or near ruin 2 served over ice cubes: said of liquor, etc.

rock[2] (räk) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** [OE *roccian*] 1 to move back and forth or from side to side 2 to sway strongly; shake —***n.*** 1 a rocking motion 2 ROCK-AND-ROLL

rock′a·bil′ly (-ə bil′ē) ***n.*** [ROCK(-AND-ROLL) + *-a-* + (HILL)BILLY] an early form of rock-and-roll with a strong country music influence

rock′-and-roll′ ***n.*** a form of popular music that evolved from rhythm and blues, characterized by a strong rhythm with an accent on the offbeat

rock bottom the lowest level

rock′bound′ ***adj.*** surrounded or covered by rocks

rock candy large, hard, clear crystals of sugar formed on a string

rock′er ***n.*** 1 either of the curved pieces on which a cradle, etc. rocks 2 a chair mounted on such pieces: also **rocking chair**

rocker panel any panel section below

the doors of an automotive vehicle

rock·et (räk′it) ***n.*** ⟦It *rocchetta,* spool⟧ any device driven forward by gases escaping through a rear vent, as a firework, a projectile weapon, or the propulsion mechanism of a spacecraft —***vi.*** to move in or like a rocket; soar

rock′et·ry (-ə trē) ***n.*** the science of building and launching rockets

rock garden a garden of flowers, etc. in ground studded with rocks

rocking horse a toy horse on rockers or springs, for a child to ride

rock lobster SPINY LOBSTER

rock′-ribbed′ ***adj.*** **1** having rocky ridges **2** firm; unyielding

rock salt common salt in rocklike masses

rock wool a fibrous material made from molten rock, used for insulation

rock·y[1] (räk′ē) ***adj.*** **-i·er, -i·est** **1** full of rocks **2** consisting of rock **3** like a rock; firm, hard, etc. —**rock′i·ness** ***n.***

rock·y[2] (räk′ē) ***adj.*** **-i·er, -i·est** inclined to rock; unsteady —**rock′i·ness** ***n.***

Rocky Mountains mountain system in W North America, extending from New Mexico to N Alaska: also **Rock′ies**

Rocky Mountain sheep BIGHORN

ro·co·co (rə kō′kō) ***n.*** ⟦Fr < *rocaille,* shell work⟧ [*occas.* **R-**] a style of architecture, art, music, etc. marked by profuse and delicate ornamentation, etc. —***adj.*** **1** of or in rococo **2** too elaborate

rod (räd) ***n.*** ⟦< OE *rodd,* straight shoot or stem⟧ **1** a straight stick or bar **2** a stick for beating as punishment **3** a staff carried as a symbol of office; scepter **4** a pole for fishing **5** a measure of length equal to 5½ yards **6** [Slang] a pistol

rode (rōd) ***vi., vt.*** *pt. & archaic pp. of* RIDE

ro·dent (rōd′″nt) ***n.*** ⟦< L *rodere,* gnaw⟧ any of an order of gnawing mammals, as rats or mice

ro·de·o (rō′dē ō′) ***n., pl.*** **-os′** ⟦Sp < L *rotare,* to turn⟧ a public exhibition of the skills of cowboys, with contests in bull riding, lassoing, etc.

Ro·din (*rô* da*n′*), (**François**) **Au·guste** (**René**) (ô güst′) 1840-1917; Fr. sculptor

roe[1] (rō) ***n.*** ⟦ME *rowe*⟧ fish eggs

roe[2] (rō) ***n., pl.*** **roe** or **roes** ⟦< OE *ra*⟧ a small, agile deer of Europe and Asia

roe′buck′ ***n.*** the male roe deer

roent·gen (rent′gən) ***n.*** ⟦after W. K. *Roentgen* (1845-1923), Ger physicist⟧ the unit for measuring the radiation of X-rays or gamma rays

Rog·er (rä′jər) ***interj.*** ⟦< name of signal flag for *R*⟧ [*also* **r-**] **1** received **2** [Inf.] right! OK!

rogue (rōg) ***n.*** ⟦< ?⟧ **1** a scoundrel **2** a mischievous person —**ro·guer·y** (rō′gər ē), *pl.* **-ies,** ***n.*** —**ro·guish** (rō′gish) ***adj.***

rogues′ gallery a police collection of photographs of criminals

roil (roil) ***vt.*** ⟦< L *robigo,* rust⟧ **1** to make (a liquid) cloudy, muddy, etc. by stirring up sediment **2** to vex

roist·er (rois′tər) ***vi.*** ⟦see RUSTIC⟧ to revel noisily —**roist′er·er** ***n.***

role (rōl) ***n.*** ⟦Fr⟧ **1** the part played by an actor **2** a function assumed by someone *[an advisory role]* Often **rôle**

role model a person so effective or inspiring as to be a model for others

role′-play′ing ***n.*** *Psychol.* a technique in which participants assume and act out roles so as to practice appropriate behavior, etc.

roll (rōl) ***vi.*** ⟦< L *rota,* a wheel⟧ **1** to move by turning around or over and over **2** to move on wheels **3** to pass *[the years roll by]* **4** to extend in gentle swells **5** to make a loud rising and falling sound *[thunder rolls]* **6** to rock from side to side —***vt.*** **1** to make move by turning around or over and over **2** to make move on wheels **3** to utter with full, flowing sound **4** to pronounce with a trill *[to roll one's r's]* **5** to give a swaying motion to **6** to move around or from side to side *[to roll one's eyes]* **7** to make into a ball or cylinder *[roll up the rug]* **8** to flatten or spread with a roller, etc. —***n.*** **1** a rolling **2** a scroll **3** a list of names **4** something rolled into a cylinder **5** a small portion of bread, etc. **6** a swaying motion **7** a loud, reverberating sound, as of thunder **8** a slight swell on a surface —**on a roll** [Slang] at a high point —**roll back** to reduce (prices) to a previous level —**strike off** (or **from**) **the rolls** to expel from membership

roll′back′ ***n.*** a rolling back, esp. of prices to a previous level

roll call the reading aloud of a roll to find out who is absent

roll·er (rōl′ər) ***n.*** **1** one that rolls **2** a cylinder of metal, wood, etc. on which something is rolled, or one used to crush, smooth, or spread something

roller bearing a bearing in which the shaft turns with rollers in a circular track

Roll′er·blade′ *trademark for* a kind of IN-LINE SKATE —***n.*** [**r-**] any IN-LINE SKATE —**roll′er·blad′ing** ***n.***

roller coaster an amusement ride in which small open cars move on tracks that dip and curve sharply

roller skate SKATE[1] (sense 2) —**roll′er-skate′, -skat′ed, -skat′ing,** ***vi.*** —**roller skater**

rol·lick (räl′ik) ***vi.*** ⟦< ? FROLIC⟧ to play or behave in a lively, carefree way —**rol′lick·ing** ***adj.***

rolling pin a smooth, heavy cylinder of wood, etc. used to roll out dough

roll′-top′ ***adj.*** having a sliding, flexible top of parallel slats *[a roll-top desk]*

Ro·lo·dex (rō′lə deks′) *trademark for* a kind of desktop file holding cards containing names and addresses for ready reference

ro·ly-po·ly (rō′lē pō′lē) ***adj.*** ⟦< ROLL⟧ short and plump; pudgy

Rom *abbrev.* Roman

ROM (räm) ***n.*** ⟦*r(ead-)o(nly) m(emory)*⟧ computer memory whose contents can be read but not altered; also, a memory chip like this

ro·maine (rō mān′) ***n.*** [Fr, ult. < L *Romanus*, Roman] a type of lettuce with long leaves forming a slender head

Ro·man (rō′mən) ***adj.*** **1** of or characteristic of ancient or modern Rome or its people, etc. **2** of the Roman Catholic Church **3** [*usually* **r-**] designating or of the usual upright style of printing types; not italic —***n.*** **1** a person born or living in ancient or modern Rome **2** [*usually* **r-**] roman type or characters

Roman candle a firework consisting of a tube that sends out balls of fire, etc.

Roman Catholic **1** of the Christian church (**Roman Catholic Church**) headed by the pope **2** a member of this church

ro·mance (rō mans′, rō′mans′) ***adj.*** [ult. < L *Romanicus*, Roman] [**R-**] designating or of any of the languages derived from Vulgar Latin, as Italian, Spanish, or French —***n.*** **1** a long poem or tale, orig. written in a Romance dialect, about the adventures of knights **2** a novel of love, adventure, etc. **3** excitement, love, etc. of the kind found in such literature **4** a love affair —***vt.*** **-manced′**, **-manc′ing** to make love to; woo

Roman Empire empire of the ancient Romans (27 B.C.-A.D. 395), including W & S Europe, N Africa, & SW Asia

Ro·ma·ni·a (rō mā′nē ə) country in SE Europe: 91,699 sq. mi.; pop. 22,760,000 —**Ro·ma′ni·an** ***adj.***, ***n.***

Roman numerals Roman letters used as numerals: I = 1, V = 5, X = 10, L = 50, C = 100, D = 500, and M = 1,000

ro·man·tic (rō man′tik) ***adj.*** **1** of, like, or characterized by romance **2** fanciful or fictitious **3** not practical; visionary **4** full of thoughts, feelings, etc. of romance **5** suited for romance **6** [*often* **R-**] of a 19th-c. cultural movement characterized by freedom of form and spirit, emphasis on feeling and originality, etc. —***n.*** a romantic person —**ro·man′ti·cal·ly** ***adv.*** —**ro·man′ti·cism′** (-tə siz′əm) ***n.***

ro·man′ti·cize′ (-tə sīz′) ***vt.*** **-cized′**, **-ciz′ing** to treat or regard romantically —***vi.*** to have romantic ideas, etc.

Rom·a·ny (räm′ə nē, rō′mə-) ***n.*** the language of the Gypsies

Rome (rōm) capital of Italy &, formerly, of the Roman Empire: pop. 2,605,000

Ro·me·o (rō′mē ō′) ***n.*** the hero of Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* (*c.* 1595)

romp (rämp) ***n.*** [prob. < OFr *ramper*, to climb] boisterous, lively play —***vi.*** to play in a boisterous, lively way

romp′er ***n.*** **1** one who romps **2** [*pl.*] a loose, one-piece outer garment with pants like bloomers, for a small child

Rom·u·lus (räm′yoo ləs) ***n.*** *Rom. Myth.* founder and first king of Rome: he and his twin brother Remus are suckled by a female wolf

rood (rōōd) ***n.*** [OE *rod*] **1** a crucifix **2** [Brit.] an old unit of area equal to ¼ acre

roof (rōōf, roof) ***n.***, *pl.* **roofs** [OE *hrof*] **1** the outside top covering of a building **2** anything like this in position or use [*the roof of the mouth*] —***vt.*** to cover with or as with a roof —**roof′less** ***adj.***

roof′er ***n.*** a roof maker or repairer

roof′ing ***n.*** material for roofs

roof′top′ ***n.*** the roof of a building

rook[1] (rook) ***n.*** [OE *hroc*] a European crow —***vt.***, ***vi.*** to swindle; cheat

rook[2] (rook) ***n.*** [< Pers *rukh*] a chess piece that can move horizontally or vertically

rook′er·y ***n.***, *pl.* **-ies** a breeding place of rooks, or of seals, penguins, etc.

rook·ie (rook′ē) ***n.*** [Slang] **1** an inexperienced army recruit **2** [Inf.] any beginner

room (rōōm, room) ***n.*** [OE *rum*] **1** space to contain something **2** suitable scope [*room* for doubt] **3** an interior space enclosed or set apart by walls **4** [*pl.*] living quarters **5** the people in a room —***vi.***, ***vt.*** to have or provide with lodgings —**room′ful′** ***n.*** —**room′y**, **-i·er**, **-i·est**, ***adj.*** —**room′i·ness** ***n.***

room and board lodging and meals

room′er ***n.*** one who rents a room or rooms to live in; lodger

room·ette (rōō met′) ***n.*** a small room in a railroad sleeping car

rooming house a house with furnished rooms for rent

room′mate′ ***n.*** a person with whom one shares a room or rooms

Roo·se·velt (rō′zə velt′) **1 Franklin Del·a·no** (del′ə nō′) 1882-1945; 32d president of the U.S. (1933-45) **2 Theodore** 1858-1919; 26th president of the U.S. (1901-09)

roost (rōōst) ***n.*** [OE *hrost*] **1** a perch on which birds, esp. domestic fowls, can rest **2** a place with perches for birds **3** a place for resting, sleeping, etc. —***vi.*** **1** to perch on a roost **2** to stay or settle down, as for the night

roost′er ***n.*** a male chicken

root[1] (rōōt, root) ***n.*** [< ON *rot*] **1** the part of a plant, usually underground, that anchors the plant, draws water from the soil, etc. **2** the embedded part of a tooth, a hair, etc. **3** a source or cause **4** a supporting or essential part **5** a quantity that, multiplied by itself a specified number of times, produces a given quantity **6** the basic element of a word or form, without affixes or phonetic changes —***vi.*** to take root —***vt.*** **1** to fix the roots of in the ground **2** to establish; settle —**root up** (or **out**) to pull up by the roots; destroy completely —**take root** **1** to begin growing by putting out roots **2** to become fixed, settled, etc.

root[2] (rōōt, root) ***vt.*** [< OE *wrot*, snout] to dig (*up* or *out*) with or as with the snout —***vi.*** **1** to search about; rummage **2** [Inf.] to encourage a team, etc.: usually with *for*

root beer a carbonated drink made or flavored with certain plant root extracts

root canal **1** a tubular channel in a tooth's root **2** a treatment involving opening, cleaning, filling, etc. such a channel

root′let (-lit) ***n.*** a little root

rope (rōp) ***n.*** [OE *rap*] **1** a thick, strong

cord made of strands of fiber, etc. twisted together **2** a ropelike string, as of pearls —***vt.*** **roped, rop'ing** **1** to fasten or tie with a rope **2** to mark off or enclose with a rope **3** to catch with a lasso —**know the ropes** [Inf.] to be well acquainted with a procedure, etc. —**rope in** [Slang] to entice or trick into doing something

Roque·fort (rōk'fərt) ‖after *Roquefort,* France, where made‖ *trademark for* a strong French cheese with a bluish mold

Ror·schach test (rôr'shäk') ‖after H. *Rorschach* (1884-1922), Swiss psychiatrist‖ *Psychol.* a personality test in which the subject's interpretations of standard inkblot designs are analyzed

ro·sa·ry (rō'zər ē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ries** ‖ML *rosarium*‖ *R.C.Ch.* a string of groups of beads, used to keep count in saying prayers

rose[1] (rōz) ***n.*** ‖< L *rosa* < Gr *rhodon*‖ **1** a shrub with prickly stems and with flowers of red, pink, white, yellow, etc. **2** its flower **3** pinkish red or purplish red —***adj.*** of this color

rose[2] (rōz) ***vi.*** *pt. of* RISE

ro·sé (rō zā') ***n.*** ‖Fr, pink‖ a pink wine, tinted by the grape skins early in fermentation

ro·se·ate (rō'zē it) ***adj.*** rose-colored

rose'bud' ***n.*** the bud of a rose

rose'bush' ***n.*** a shrub that bears roses

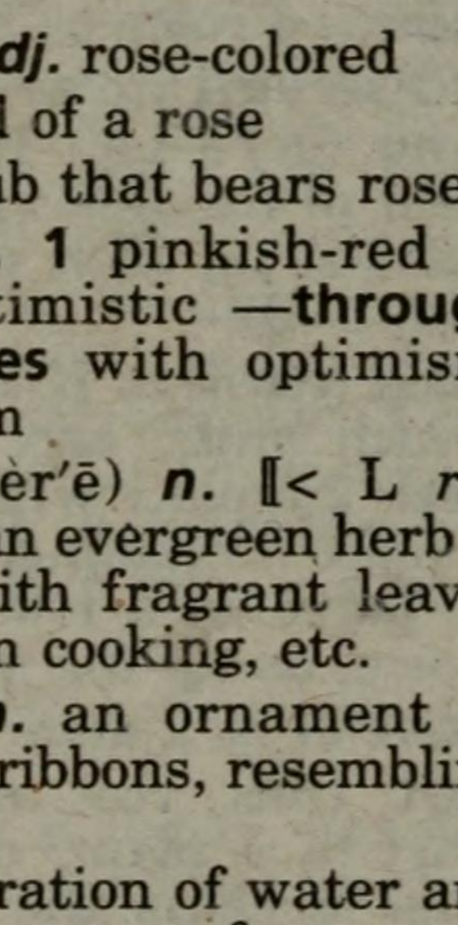
rose'-col'ored ***adj.*** **1** pinkish-red or purplish-red **2** optimistic —**through rose-colored glasses** with optimism, esp. undue optimism

rose·mar·y (rōz'mer'ē) ***n.*** ‖< L *ros marinus*, sea dew‖ an evergreen herb of the mint family, with fragrant leaves used in perfumes, in cooking, etc.

ro·sette (rō zet') ***n.*** an ornament or arrangement, as of ribbons, resembling a rose

rose water a preparation of water and attar of roses, used as a perfume

rose window a circular window with a roselike pattern of tracery



ROSE WINDOW

rose'wood' ***n.*** ‖< its odor‖ **1** a hard, reddish wood, used in furniture, etc. **2** a tropical tree yielding this wood

Rosh Ha·sha·na (rōsh' hə shô'nə, -shä'-) the Jewish New Year

ros·in (räz'ən) ***n.*** ‖see RESIN‖ the hard resin left after the distillation of turpentine: it is rubbed on violin bows, used in making varnish, etc.

ros·ter (räs'tər) ***n.*** ‖< Du *rooster*‖ a list or roll, as of military personnel

ros·trum (räs'trəm) ***n.***, *pl.* **-trums** or **-tra** (-trə) ‖L, beak‖ a platform for public speaking

ros·y (rō'zē) ***adj.*** **-i·er, -i·est** ‖ME‖ **1** rose in color **2** bright, promising, etc. —**ros'i·ly** ***adv.*** —**ros'i·ness** ***n.***

rot (rät) ***vi.***, ***vt.*** **rót'ted, rot'ting** ‖OE *rotian*‖ to decompose; decay —***n.*** **1** a rotting or something rotten **2** a disease characterized by decay **3** [Slang] nonsense

ro·ta·ry (rōt'ər ē) ***adj.*** ‖< L *rota,* wheel‖ **1** turning around a central axis, as a wheel does **2** having rotating parts *[a rotary* press*]* —***n.***, *pl.* **-ries** **1** a rotary machine **2** TRAFFIC CIRCLE

ro·tate (rō'tāt') ***vi.***, ***vt.*** **-tat'ed, -tat'ing** ‖< L *rota,* wheel‖ **1** to turn around an axis **2** to change or cause to change in regular succession —**ro·ta'tion** ***n.*** —**ro'ta'tor** ***n.***

ROTC *abbrev.* Reserve Officers' Training Corps

rote (rōt) ***n.*** ‖ME‖ a fixed, mechanical way of doing something —**by rote** by memory alone, without thought

rot·gut (rät'gut') ***n.*** [Slang] raw, low-grade whiskey or other liquor

ro·tis·ser·ie (rō tis'ər ē) ***n.*** ‖Fr < earlier Fr *rostir,* to roast‖ a grill with an electrically turned spit

ro·to·gra·vure (rōt'ə grə vyoor') ***n.*** ‖< L *rota*, wheel + Fr *gravure*, engraving‖ a printing process using a rotary press with cylinders etched from photographic plates

ro·tor (rōt'ər) ***n.*** **1** the rotating part of a motor, etc. **2** a system of rotating airfoils, as on a helicopter

ro·to·till·er (rōt'ə til'ər) ***n.*** a motorized machine with rotary blades, for loosening the earth around growing plants —**ro'to·till'** ***vt.***

rot·ten (rät''n) ***adj.*** ‖< ON *rotinn*‖ **1** decayed; spoiled **2** foul-smelling **3** morally corrupt **4** unsound, as if decayed within **5** [Slang] very bad, unpleasant, etc. —**rot'ten·ness** ***n.***

Rot·ter·dam (rät'ər dam') seaport in SW Netherlands: pop. 599,000

ro·tund (rō tund') ***adj.*** ‖L *rotundus*‖ plump or stout —**ro·tun'di·ty** or **ro·tund'ness** ***n.***

ro·tun·da (rō tun'də) ***n.*** ‖see prec.‖ a round building, hall, or room, esp. one with a dome

rou·é (rōō ā') ***n.*** ‖Fr < L *rota,* wheel‖ a dissipated man; rake

rouge (rōōzh) ***n.*** ‖Fr, red‖ **1** a reddish cosmetic powder or paste for adding color to the cheeks **2** a reddish powder for polishing jewelry, etc. —***vt.*** **rouged, roug'ing** to use cosmetic rouge on

rough (ruf) ***adj.*** ‖OE *ruh*‖ **1** not smooth or level; uneven **2** shaggy *[a rough* coat*]* **3** stormy *[rough* weather*]* **4** disorderly *[rough* play*]* **5** harsh or coarse **6** lacking comforts and conveniences **7** not polished or finished; crude **8** approximate *[a rough* guess*]* **9** [Inf.] difficult *[a rough* time*]* —***n.*** **1** rough ground, material, condition, etc. **2** *Golf* any part of the course with grass, etc. left uncut —***adv.*** in a rough way —***vt.*** **1** to roughen: often with *up* **2** to treat roughly: usually with *up* **3** to sketch, shape, etc. roughly: usually with *in* or

out —**rough it** to live without customary comforts, etc. —**rough'ly** ***adv.*** —**rough'ness** ***n.***

rough'age ***n.*** rough or coarse food or fodder

rough'en ***vt.***, ***vi.*** to make or become rough

rough'-hew' ***vt.*** **-hewed'**, **-hewed'** or **-hewn'**, **-hew'ing** **1** to hew (timber, stone, etc.) roughly, or without smoothing **2** to form roughly Also sp. **rough'hew'**

rough'house' [Inf.] ***n.*** rough, boisterous play, fighting, etc. —***vt.***, ***vi.*** **-housed'**, **-hous'ing** to treat or act roughly or boisterously

rough'neck' ***n.*** **1** [Inf.] a rowdy **2** a worker on an oil rig —***vi.*** to work as a roughneck

rough'shod' ***adj.*** shod with horseshoes having metal points —**ride roughshod over** to treat harshly and arrogantly

rou·lette (rōō let') ***n.*** ⟦Fr < L *rota,* wheel⟧ a gambling game played by tossing a small ball into a whirling shallow bowl (**roulette wheel**) with numbered, red or black compartments

round (round) ***adj.*** ⟦< L *rotundus,* rotund⟧ **1** shaped like a ball, circle, or cylinder **2** plump **3** full; complete *[a round dozen]* **4** expressed by a whole number or in tens, hundreds, etc. —***n.*** **1** something round, as the rung of a ladder **2** the part of a beef animal between the rump and the leg **3** a series or succession *[a round of parties]* **4** [*often pl.*] a regular, customary circuit, as by a watchman **5** a single shot from a gun, or from several guns together; also, the ammunition for this **6** a single outburst, as of applause **7** a single period of action, as in boxing **8** a short song which one group begins singing when another reaches the second phrase, etc. —***vt.*** **1** to make round **2** to express as a round number: with *off* **3** to finish: with *out* or *off* **4** to go around —***vi.*** **1** to turn; reverse direction **2** to become plump: often with *out* —***adv.*** **1** AROUND **2** through a recurring period of time *[to work the year round]* **3** for each of several **4** in a roundabout way —***prep.*** AROUND —**in the round** **1** in an arena theater **2** in full, rounded form: said of sculpture **3** in full detail —**round about** in or to the opposite direction —**round up** to collect in a herd, group, etc. —**round'ness** ***n.***

round'a·bout' ***adj.*** indirect; circuitous

roun·de·lay (roun'də lā') ***n.*** ⟦< OFr *rondel,* a short lyrical poem⟧ a simple song in which some phrase, line, etc. is continually repeated

round'house' ***n.*** a circular building for storing and repairing locomotives

round'ly ***adv.*** **1** in a round form **2** vigorously **3** fully; completely and thoroughly

round'-shoul'dered ***adj.*** having the shoulders bent forward

round steak a steak cut from a round of beef

Round Table **1** in legend, the circular table around which King Arthur and his knights sit **2** [**r- t-**] a group gathered for an informal discussion

round'-the-clock' ***adj.***, ***adv.*** throughout the day and night; continuous(ly)

round trip a trip to a place and back again —**round'-trip'** ***adj.***

round'-trip'per ***n.*** [Slang] *Baseball* a home run

round'up' ***n.*** **1** a driving together of cattle, etc. on the range, as for branding **2** any similar collecting **3** a summary, as of news

round'worm' ***n.*** NEMATODE

rouse (rouz) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** **roused**, **rous'ing** ⟦prob. < earlier Fr⟧ **1** to excite or become excited **2** to wake

Rous·seau (*rōō* sō'), **Jean Jacques** (zhän zhäk') 1712-78; Fr. philosopher & writer, born in Switzerland

roust·a·bout (rous'tə bout') ***n.*** ⟦< ROUSE + ABOUT⟧ an unskilled or transient laborer, as on a wharf or in an oil field

rout[1] (rout) ***n.*** ⟦< L *rupta,* broken⟧ **1** a disorderly flight **2** an overwhelming defeat —***vt.*** **1** to put to flight **2** to defeat overwhelmingly

rout[2] (rout) ***vt.*** ⟦< ROOT[2]⟧ to force out —**rout out** **1** to gouge out **2** to make (a person) get out

route (rōōt, rout) ***n.*** ⟦< L *rupta* (*via*), (path) broken through⟧ a road or course for traveling; often, a regular course, as in delivering mail —***vt.*** **rout'ed**, **rout'ing** **1** to send by a certain route **2** to arrange the route for

rou·tine (rōō tēn') ***n.*** ⟦see prec.⟧ a regular procedure, customary or prescribed —***adj.*** like or using routine —**rou·tine'ly** ***adv.***

rou·tin'ize (-tē'nīz) ***vt.*** **-ized**, **-iz·ing** to make routine; reduce to a routine —**rou'tin·i·za'tion** ***n.***

rove (rōv) ***vi.***, ***vt.*** **roved**, **rov'ing** ⟦ME *roven*⟧ to roam —**rov'er** ***n.***

row[1] (rō) ***n.*** ⟦OE *ræw*⟧ **1** a number of people or things in a line **2** a line of seats in a theater, etc. —**in a row** in succession; consecutively

row[2] (rō) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** ⟦OE *rowan*⟧ **1** to propel (a boat) with oars **2** to carry in a rowboat —***n.*** a trip by rowboat

row[3] (rou) ***n.***, ***vi.*** ⟦< ? ROUSE⟧ quarrel or brawl

row·boat (rō'bōt') ***n.*** a small boat made for rowing

row·dy (rou'dē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-dies** ⟦< ? ROW[3]⟧ a rough, quarrelsome, and disorderly person —***adj.*** **-di·er**, **-di·est** rough, quarrelsome, etc. —**row'di·ness** ***n.*** —**row'dy·ism'** ***n.***

row·el (rou'əl) ***n.*** ⟦ult. < L *rota,* wheel⟧ a small wheel with sharp points, at the end of a spur

row house (rō) any of a line of identical houses joined by common walls

roy·al (roi'əl) ***adj.*** ⟦< L *regalis*⟧ **1** of a king or queen **2** like, or fit for, a king or queen; magnificent, majestic, etc. **3** of a kingdom, its government, etc. —**roy'al·ly** ***adv.***

roy'al·ist ***n.*** one who supports a monarch or a monarchy

roy'al·ty ***n.***, *pl.* **-ties** **1** the rank or

power of a king or queen **2** a royal person or persons **3** royal quality **4** a share of the proceeds from a patent, book, etc. paid to the owner, author, etc.

rpm *abbrev.* revolutions per minute

rps *abbrev.* revolutions per second

RR *abbrev.* **1** railroad **2** Rural Route: also **R.R.**

RSV *abbrev.* Revised Standard Version (of the Bible)

R.S.V.P. or **r.s.v.p.** *abbrev.* [Fr, for *répondez s'il vous plaît*] please reply: also **RSVP** or **rsvp**

rte *abbrev.* route

rub (rub) ***vt.*** **rubbed, rub'bing** [ME *rubben*] **1** to move (one's hand, a cloth, etc.) over (something) with pressure and friction **2** to apply (polish, etc.) in this way **3** to move (things) over each other with pressure and friction **4** to make sore by rubbing **5** to remove by rubbing (*out, off*, etc.) —***vi.*** **1** to move with pressure and friction (*on*, etc.) **2** to rub something —***n.*** **1** a rubbing **2** an obstacle, difficulty, or source of irritation —**rub down** **1** to massage **2** to smooth, polish, etc. by rubbing —**rub elbows with** to associate or mingle with: also **rub shoulders with** —**rub it in** [Slang] to keep reminding someone of his or her mistake —**rub the wrong way** to annoy

ru·ba·to (rōō bät'ō) ***adj., adv.*** [It, stolen] *Music* intentionally and temporarily not in strict tempo

rub·ber (rub'ər) ***n.*** **1** one that rubs **2** [< orig. use as an eraser] an elastic substance made from the milky sap of various tropical plants or made synthetically **3** something made of this substance; specif., *a*) a low-cut overshoe *b*) [Slang] a condom —***adj.*** made of rubber —**rub'ber·y** ***adj.***

rubber band a narrow, continuous band of rubber as for holding small objects together

rubber cement an adhesive of unvulcanized rubber in a solvent that quickly evaporates when exposed to air

rubber check [from the notion that it "bounces": see BOUNCE (*vi.* 3)] [Slang] a check that is worthless because of insufficient funds in the writer's account

rubber game (rub'ər) [< ?] the deciding game in a series

rub'ber·ize' (-īz') ***vt.*** **-ized', -iz'ing** to coat or impregnate with rubber

rub'ber·neck' ***vi.*** to look at things or gaze about in curiosity by stretching the neck or turning the head, as a sightseer might do

rubber plant **1** any plant yielding latex **2** a house plant with large, glossy leaves

rubber stamp **1** a stamp of rubber, inked for printing dates, signatures, etc. **2** [Inf.] *a*) a person, bureau, etc. that gives routine or automatic approval *b*) such approval —**rub'ber-stamp'** ***vt.***

rub·bish (rub'ish) ***n.*** [ME *robous*] **1** any material thrown away as worthless; trash **2** nonsense

rub·ble (rub'əl) ***n.*** [ME *robel*] rough, broken pieces of stone, brick, etc.

rub'down' ***n.*** a brisk rubbing of the body, as in massage

rube (rōōb) ***n.*** [< name *Reuben*] [Slang] an unsophisticated rustic

ru·bel·la (rōō bel'ə) ***n.*** [< L *ruber*, red] an infectious disease causing small red spots on the skin; German measles

Ru·bens (rōō'bənz), **Peter Paul** 1577-1640; Fl. painter

ru·bi·cund (rōō'bə kund') ***adj.*** [< L *ruber*, red] reddish; ruddy

ru·ble (rōō'bəl) ***n.*** [Russ *rubl'*] the monetary unit of Russia, Belarus, & Tajikistan

ru·bric (rōō'brik) ***n.*** [< L *ruber*, red] **1** in early books, a section heading, letter, etc., often printed in red **2** any rule, explanatory comment, etc.

ru·by (rōō'bē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-bies** [ult. < L *rubeus*, reddish] **1** a clear, deep-red precious stone: a variety of corundum **2** deep red —***adj.*** deep-red

ruck·sack (ruk'sak', rook'-) ***n.*** [Ger, back sack] a kind of knapsack

ruck·us (ruk'əs) ***n.*** [prob. merging of RUMPUS & *ruction*, uproar] [Inf.] noisy confusion; disturbance

rud·der (rud'ər) ***n.*** [OE *rother*] a broad, flat, movable piece hinged to the rear of a ship or aircraft, used for steering —**rud'der·less** ***adj.***

rud·dy (rud'ē) ***adj.*** **-di·er, -di·est** [OE *rudig*] **1** having a healthy red color **2** reddish —**rud'di·ness** ***n.***

rude (rōōd) ***adj.*** **rud'er, rud'est** [< L *rudis*] **1** crude; rough **2** uncouth **3** discourteous **4** unskillful —**rude'ly** ***adv.*** —**rude'ness** ***n.***

ru·di·ment (rōō'də mənt) ***n.*** [see RUDE] [*usually pl.*] **1** a first principle as of a subject to be learned **2** a first slight beginning of something —**ru'di·men'ta·ry** (-men'tər ē) ***adj.***

rue[1] (rōō) ***vt., vi.*** **rued, ru'ing** [OE *hreowan*] **1** to feel remorse for (a sin, fault, etc.) **2** to regret (an act, etc.) —***n.*** [Archaic] sorrow —**rue'ful** ***adj.*** —**rue'ful·ly** ***adv.***

rue[2] (rōō) ***n.*** [< Gr *rhytē*] a strong-scented shrub with bitter leaves



RUFF

ruff (ruf) ***n.*** [< RUFFLE] **1** a high, frilled starched collar of the 16th and 17th c. **2** a band of colored or protruding feathers or fur about an animal's neck

ruf·fi·an (ruf'ē ən) ***n.*** [< It *ruffiano*, a

pimp] a rowdy or hoodlum

ruf·fle (ruf′əl) ***vt.*** **-fled, -fling** [< ON or LowG] **1** to disturb the smoothness of **2** to make (feathers, etc.) stand up **3** to disturb or annoy —***vi.*** to become uneven —***n.*** a strip of cloth, lace, etc. gathered along one edge, used as a trimming

rug (rug) ***n.*** [< Scand] a piece of thick fabric used as a floor covering

rug·by (rug′bē) ***n.*** [first played at *Rugby* School in England] a game from which American football developed

rug·ged (rug′id) ***adj.*** [ME] **1** uneven; rough **2** severe; harsh **3** not refined **4** strong; robust —**rug′ged·ly** ***adv.*** —**rug′ged·ness** ***n.***

Ruhr (roor) **1** river in WC Germany, flowing into the Rhine **2** major coal-mining & industrial region along this river: also called **Ruhr Basin**

ru·in (rōō′ən) ***n.*** [< L *ruere,* to fall] **1** [*pl.*] the remains of something destroyed, decayed, etc. **2** anything destroyed, etc. **3** downfall, destruction, etc. **4** anything causing this —***vt.*** to bring to ruin; destroy, spoil, bankrupt, etc. —**ru′in·a′tion** ***n.*** —**ru′in·ous** ***adj.***

rule (rōōl) ***n.*** [< L *regere,* to rule] **1** an established regulation or guide for conduct, procedure, usage, etc. **2** custom **3** the customary course **4** government; reign **5** RULER (sense 2) —***vt.***, ***vi.*** **ruled, rul′ing** **1** to have an influence (over); guide **2** to govern **3** to determine officially **4** to mark lines (on) as with a ruler —**as a rule** usually —**rule out** to exclude

rule of thumb a practical, though imprecise or unscientific, method

rul′er ***n.*** **1** one who governs **2** a strip of wood, etc. with a straight edge, used in drawing lines, measuring length, etc.

rul′ing ***adj.*** that rules —***n.*** an official decision, as of a court

rum (rum) ***n.*** [< ?] **1** an alcoholic liquor distilled from fermented sugar cane, etc. **2** any alcoholic liquor

Ru·ma·ni·a (rōō mā′nē ə) *var. of* ROMANIA —**Ru·ma′ni·an** ***adj.***, ***n.***

rum·ba (room′bə, rum′-) ***n.*** [AmSp] a dance of Cuban origin, or music for it —***vi.*** to dance the rumba

rum·ble (rum′bəl) ***vi.***, ***vt.*** **-bled, -bling** [ME *romblen*] **1** to make or cause to make a continuous deep, rolling sound **2** to move with such a sound —***n.*** **1** a rumbling sound **2** [Slang] a fight between teenage gangs

ru·mi·nant (rōō′mə nənt) ***adj.*** [see RUMINATE] **1** of or belonging to the group of cud-chewing animals **2** meditative —***n.*** any of a group of cud-chewing mammals, as cattle, deer, or camels, having a stomach with three or four chambers

ru′mi·nate′ (-nāt′) ***vi.*** **-nat′ed, -nat′ing** [< L *ruminare*] **1** to chew a cud **2** to meditate —**ru′mi·na′tion** ***n.***

rum·mage (rum′ij) ***n.*** [< Fr *rum,* ship's hold] **1** odds and ends **2** a rummaging —***vt.***, ***vi.*** **-maged, -mag·ing** to search through (a place, etc.) thoroughly

rummage sale a sale of contributed miscellaneous articles, as for charity

rum·my (rum′ē) ***n.*** [< ?] a card game in which the object is to match cards into sets and sequences

ru·mor (rōō′mər) ***n.*** [L, noise] **1** general talk not based on definite knowledge **2** an unconfirmed report, story, etc. in general circulation —***vt.*** to tell or spread by rumor Brit. sp. **ru′mour**

rump (rump) ***n.*** [< ON *rumpr*] **1** the hind part of an animal, where the legs and back join **2** the buttocks

rum·ple (rum′pəl) ***n.*** [< MDu *rompe*] an uneven crease; wrinkle —***vt.***, ***vi.*** **-pled, -pling** to wrinkle; muss

rum·pus (rum′pəs) ***n.*** [< ?] [Inf.] an uproar or commotion

run (run) ***vi.*** **ran, run, run′ning** [< ON & OE] **1** to go by moving the legs faster than in walking **2** to go, move, etc. easily and freely **3** to flee **4** to make a quick trip (*up to, down to,* etc.) **5** to compete in a race, election, etc. **6** to ply between two points: said as of a train **7** to climb or creep, as a vine does **8** to ravel: said as of a stocking **9** to operate: said of a machine **10** to flow **11** to spread over cloth, etc. when moistened, as colors do **12** to discharge pus, etc. **13** to extend in time or space; continue **14** to pass into a specified condition, etc. *[to run into trouble]* **15** to be written, etc. in a specified way **16** to be at a specified size, price, etc. *[eggs run high]* —***vt.*** **1** to follow (a specified course) **2** to perform as by running *[to run a race]* **3** to incur (a risk) **4** to get past *[to run a blockade]* **5** to cause to run, move, compete, etc. **6** to drive into a specified condition, place, etc. **7** to drive (an object) into or against something **8** to make flow in a specified way, place, etc. **9** to manage (a business, etc.) **10** to undergo (a fever, etc.) **11** to publish (a story, etc.) in a newspaper —***n.*** **1** an act or period of running **2** the distance covered in running **3** a trip; journey **4** a route *[a delivery run]* **5** *a)* movement onward, progression, or trend *[the run of events]* *b)* a continuous period *[a run of good luck]* **6** a continuous course of performances, etc., as of a play **7** a continued series of demands, as on a bank **8** a brook **9** a kind or class; esp., the average kind **10** the output during a period of operation **11** an enclosed area for domestic animals **12** freedom to move about at will *[the run of the house]* **13** a large number of fish migrating together **14** a ravel, as in a stocking **15** *Baseball* a scoring point, made by a successful circuit of the bases —**in the long run** in the final outcome —**on the run** running or running away —**run across** to encounter by chance: also **run into** —**run down** **1** to stop operating **2** to run against so as to knock down **3** to pursue and capture or kill **4** to speak of disparagingly —**run out** to come to an end; expire —**run out of** to use up —**run over** **1** to ride over **2** to overflow **3** to examine, rehearse, etc. rapidly —**run through** **1** to use up quickly or recklessly **2** to pierce —**run up** **1** to raise, rise, or accumulate rapidly **2** to sew rapidly

run′a·round′ ***n.*** [Inf.] a series of eva-

sions

run′a·way′ *n.* **1** a fugitive **2** a horse, etc. that runs away —***adj.*** **1** escaping, fleeing, etc. **2** easily won: said as of a race **3** rising rapidly: said as of prices

run′down′ *n.* a concise summary

run′-down′ *adj.* **1** not wound and therefore not running, as a watch **2** in poor physical condition, as from overwork **3** fallen into disrepair

rune (rōōn) *n.* [OE *run*] **1** any of the characters of an ancient Germanic alphabet **2** [*often pl.*] writing in these characters

rung[1] (ruŋ) *n.* [OE *hrung,* staff] a rod or bar forming a step of a ladder, a crosspiece on a chair, etc.

rung[2] (ruŋ) ***vi.***, ***vt.*** *pp. of* RING[1]

run′-in′ *n.* [Inf.] a quarrel, fight, etc.

run·nel (run′əl) *n.* [OE *rynel*] a small stream

run′ner *n.* **1** *a*) one that runs, as a racer *b*) a messenger, etc. *c*) a smuggler **2** a long, narrow cloth or rug **3** a ravel, as in hosiery **4** a long, trailing stem, as of a strawberry **5** either of the long, narrow pieces on which a sled, etc. slides

run′ner-up′ *n.*, *pl.* **-ners-up′** a person or team that finishes second, etc. in a contest

run′ning *n.* the act of one that runs; racing, managing, etc. —***adj.*** **1** that runs (in various senses) **2** measured in a straight line **3** continuous [a *running* commentary] **4** current or concurrent —***adv.*** in succession [for five days *running*] —**in** (or **out of**) **the running** having a (or no) chance to win

running back *Football* an offensive back, responsible primarily for rushing the ball

running lights the lights that a ship or aircraft must display at night

running mate the candidate for the lesser of two closely associated offices, as for the vice-presidency

run′ny *adj.* **-ni·er, -ni·est** **1** flowing, esp. too freely **2** discharging mucus [a *runny* nose]

run′off′ *n.* **1** something that runs off, as rain that is not absorbed into the ground **2** a deciding, final contest

run′-of-the-mill′ *adj.* ordinary; average

runt (runt) *n.* [< ?] **1** a stunted animal, plant, or (contemptuously) person **2** the smallest animal of a litter —**runt′y, -i·er, -i·est,** *adj.*

run′-through′ *n.* a complete rehearsal, from beginning to end

run′way′ *n.* a channel, track, etc. in, on, or along which something moves; esp., *a*) a strip of leveled ground for use by airplanes in taking off and landing *b*) a narrow platform extending from a stage into the audience

ru·pee (rōō′pē, rōō pē′) *n.* [< Sans *rūpyaḥ,* wrought silver] the monetary unit of India, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, etc.

rup·ture (rup′chər) *n.* [< L *rumpere,* to break] **1** a breaking apart or being broken apart; breach **2** a hernia —***vt.***, ***vi.*** **-tured, -tur·ing** to cause or suffer a rupture

ru·ral (roor′əl) ***adj.*** [< L *rus,* the country] of, like, or living in the country; rustic —**ru′ral·ism′** *n.*

ruse (rōōz) *n.* [< OFr *reuser,* deceive] a stratagem, trick, or artifice

rush[1] (rush) ***vi.***, ***vt.*** [< Fr *ruser,* repel] **1** to move, push, drive, etc. swiftly or impetuously **2** to make a sudden attack (*on*) **3** to pass, go, send, act, do, etc. with unusual haste; hurry **4** *Football* to run with (the ball) on a running play —***n.*** **1** a rushing **2** an eager movement of many people to get to a place **3** busyness; haste [the *rush* of modern life] **4** a press, as of business, necessitating unusual haste **5** [Slang] a sudden thrill, etc.

rush[2] (rush) *n.* [OE *risc*] a grasslike marsh plant with round stems used in making mats, etc.

rush hour a time of the day when business, traffic, etc. is heavy

rusk (rusk) *n.* [Sp *rosca,* twisted bread roll] **1** sweet, raised bread or cake toasted until browned and crisp **2** a piece of this

Russ *abbrev.* **1** Russia **2** Russian

rus·set (rus′it) *n.* [< L *russus,* reddish] **1** yellowish brown or reddish brown **2** a winter apple with a mottled skin

Rus·sia (rush′ə) **1** former empire (1547-1917) in E Europe & N Asia: in full **Russian Empire** **2** loosely, the UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS **3** country in E Europe and N Asia, stretching from the Baltic Sea to the Pacific: formerly a republic of the U.S.S.R.: 6,592,844 sq. mi.; pop. 148,022,000

Rus·sian (rush′ən) ***adj.*** of Russia or its people, language, etc. —***n.*** **1** a person born or living in Russia **2** the East Slavic language of the Russians

rust (rust) *n.* [OE] **1** the reddish-brown coating on iron or steel caused by oxidation during exposure to air and moisture **2** any stain resembling this **3** a reddish brown **4** a plant disease causing spotted stems and leaves —***vi.***, ***vt.*** **1** to form rust (on) **2** to deteriorate, as through disuse

rus·tic (rus′tik) ***adj.*** [< L *rus,* the country] **1** rural **2** simple or artless **3** rough or uncouth —***n.*** a country person —**rus′ti·cal·ly** ***adv.***

rus·ti·cate (rus′tə kāt′) ***vi.***, ***vt.*** **-cat′ed, -cat′ing** **1** to go or send to live in the country **2** to become or make rustic —**rus′ti·ca′tion** *n.*

rus·tle[1] (rus′əl) ***vi.***, ***vt.*** **-tled, -tling** [ult. echoic] to make or cause to make soft sounds, as of moving leaves, etc. —***n.*** a series of such sounds

rus·tle[2] (rus′əl) [Inf.] ***vi.***, ***vt.*** **-tled, -tling** [< ?] to steal (cattle, etc.) —**rustle up** to gather together —**rus′tler** *n.*

rust′proof′ ***vt.***, ***adj.*** (make) resistant to rust

rust·y (rus′tē) ***adj.*** **-i·er, -i·est** **1** coated with rust, as a metal **2** *a*) impaired by disuse, neglect, etc. *b*) having lost facility through lack of practice —**rust′i·ly** ***adv.*** —**rust′i·ness** *n.*

rut[1] (rut) ***n.*** ‖< ? Fr *route,* route‖ **1** a groove, track, etc., as made by wheels **2** a fixed, routine course of action, thought, etc. —***vt.*** **rut'ted, rut'ting** to make ruts in —**rut'ty, -ti·er, -ti·est,** ***adj.***

rut[2] (rut) ***n.*** ‖< L *rugire,* to roar‖ the periodic sexual excitement of certain male mammals —***vi.*** **rut'ted, rut'ting** to be in rut —**rut'tish** ***adj.***

ru·ta·ba·ga (rōōt'ə bā'gə) ***n.*** ‖Swed dial. *rotabagge*‖ **1** a turniplike plant with a large, yellow root **2** this root

Ruth[1] (rōōth) ***n.*** *Bible* a woman devoted to her mother-in-law, for whom she left her own people

Ruth[2] (rōōth), **Babe** (bāb) (born *George Herman Ruth*) 1895-1948; U.S. baseball player

ruth'less (-lis) ***adj.*** ‖OE *hreowan,* to rue‖ without pity or compassion —**ruth'less·ly** ***adv.*** —**ruth'less·ness** ***n.***

RV ***n.,*** *pl.* **RVs** ‖*R(ecreational) V(ehicle)*‖ a camper, trailer, motor home, etc. outfitted for living in

Rwan·da (rōō än'də) country in EC Africa, east of Democratic Republic of the Congo: 10,169 sq. mi.; pop. 7,165,000

Rwy or **Ry** *abbrev.* Railway

Rx *symbol* PRESCRIPTION (sense 2)

-ry (rē) *suffix* -ERY *[foundry]*

rye (rī) ***n.*** ‖OE *ryge*‖ **1** a hardy cereal grass **2** its grain or seeds, used for making flour, etc. **3** whiskey distilled from this grain

S

s[1] or **S** (es) ***n.,*** *pl.* **s's, S's** the 19th letter of the English alphabet —***adj.*** shaped like S

s[2] *abbrev.* **1** second(s) **2** shilling(s)

S[1] *abbrev.* **1** Saturday **2** small **3** south **4** southern **5** Sunday

S[2] *Chem. symbol for* sulfur

-s ‖alt. of -ES‖ *suffix* **1** forming the plural of most nouns *[hips]* **2** forming the 3d pers. sing., pres. indic., of certain verbs *[shouts]*

-'s[1] ‖OE‖ *suffix* forming the possessive singular of nouns and some pronouns, and the possessive plural of nouns not ending in *s [boy's, men's]*

-'s[2] *suffix* **1** is *[he's* a sailor*]* **2** has *[she's* asked them both*]* **3** [Inf.] does *[what's* it matter?*]* **4** us *[let's* go*]*

SA South America

Saar (sär, zär) rich coal-mining region in a river valley of SW Germany: also called **Saar Basin**

Sab·bath (sab'əth) ***n.*** ‖< Heb *shabat,* to rest‖ **1** the seventh day of the week (Saturday), set aside in Jewish scripture for rest and worship **2** Sunday as the usual Christian day of rest and worship

Sab·bat·i·cal (sə bat'i kəl) ***adj.*** **1** of the Sabbath **2** [**s-**] bringing a period of rest —***n.*** [**s-**] SABBATICAL LEAVE

sabbatical leave ‖orig. given every seven years‖ a period of absence with pay, for study, travel, etc., given as to teachers: also **sabbatical year**

sa·ber (sā'bər) ***n.*** ‖< Hung *szablya*‖ a heavy cavalry sword with a slightly curved blade: also **sa'bre**

Sa·bin vaccine (sā'bin) ‖after Dr. A. B. *Sabin* (1906-93), its U.S. developer‖ a polio vaccine taken orally

sa·ble (sā'bəl) ***n.*** ‖< Russ *sobol'*‖ **1** any marten **2** its costly fur pelt —***adj.*** black or dark brown

sa·bot (sa bō', sab'ō) ***n.*** ‖Fr, ult. < Ar *sabbāṭ,* sandal‖ a shoe shaped from a single piece of wood

sab·o·tage (sab'ə täzh') ***n.*** ‖Fr < *sabot,* wooden shoe + -AGE: from damage done to machinery by sabots‖ deliberate destruction or obstruction, as of railroads, bridges, etc. by enemy agents —***vt., vi.*** **-taged', -tag'ing** to commit sabotage (on) —**sab'o·teur'** (-tur') ***n.***

sa·bra (sä'brə) ***n.*** ‖Heb *sabra,* a native cactus fruit‖ [*sometimes* **S-**] a native-born Israeli

sabre saw a portable electric saw with a narrow, oscillating blade

sac (sak) ***n.*** ‖see SACK[1]‖ a pouchlike part in a plant or animal

sac·cha·rin (sak'ə rin') ***n.*** ‖< Gr *sakcharon*‖ a white, crystalline coal-tar compound used as a sugar substitute

sac'cha·rine' (-rin') ***adj.*** **1** of or like sugar **2** too sweet *[a saccharine voice]*

sac·er·do·tal (sas'ər dōt'l; *occas.* sak'-) ***adj.*** ‖< L *sacerdos,* priest‖ of priests or the office of priest

sa·chem (sā'chəm) ***n.*** ‖AmInd‖ among some North American Indian tribes, the chief

sa·chet (sa shā') ***n.*** ‖Fr‖ a small perfumed packet used to scent clothes

sack[1] (sak) ***n.*** ‖ult. < Heb *saq*‖ **1** a bag, esp. a large one of coarse cloth **2** [Slang] dismissal from a job: with *the* **3** *Football* a sacking of a quarterback —***vt.*** **1** to put into sacks **2** [Slang] to fire (a person) **3** *Football* to tackle (a quarterback) behind the line of scrimmage —**hit the sack** [Slang] to go to bed: also **sack out**

sack[2] (sak) ***n.*** ‖see prec.‖ the plundering of a city, etc. —***vt.*** to plunder

sack[3] (sak) ***n.*** ‖< Fr *(vin)sec,* dry (wine) < L‖ a dry, white Spanish wine popular in England during the 16th and 17th c.

sack'cloth' ***n.*** **1** SACKING **2** [Historical] coarse cloth worn as a symbol of mourning

sack'ing ***n.*** a cheap, coarse cloth used for sacks

sac·ra·ment (sak'rə mənt) ***n.*** ‖< L *sacer,* holy‖ any of certain Christian rites, as baptism, the Eucharist, etc. —**sac'ra·**

men'tal (-ment'l) ***adj.***

Sac·ra·men·to (sak'rə men'tō) capital of California: pop. 369,000

sa·cred (sā'krid) ***adj.*** [< L *sacer*, holy] **1** consecrated to a god or God; holy **2** having to do with religion **3** venerated; hallowed **4** inviolate —**sa'cred·ly** ***adv.*** —**sa'cred·ness** ***n.***

sac·ri·fice (sak'rə fīs') ***n.*** [< L *sacrificium* < *sacer*, sacred + *facere*, make] **1** an offering, as of a life or object, to a deity **2** a giving up of one thing for the sake of another —***vt.***, ***vi.*** **-ficed'**, **-fic'ing** **1** to offer as a sacrifice to a deity **2** to give up one thing for the sake of another **3** to sell at less than the supposed value —**sac'ri·fi'cial** (-fish'əl) ***adj.***

sac·ri·lege (sak'rə lij) ***n.*** [< L *sacer*, sacred + *legere*, take away] desecration of what is sacred —**sac'ri·le'gious** (-lij' əs, -lē'jəs) ***adj.***

sac·ris·tan (sak'ris tən) ***n.*** a person in charge of a sacristy

sac'ris·ty (-tē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ties** [ult. < L *sacer*, sacred] a room in a church for sacred vessels, etc.

sac·ro·il·i·ac (sak'rō il'ē ak', sā'krō-) ***n.*** [ModL, ult. < L *sacrum*, bone at bottom of spine + *ileum*, flank, groin] the joint between the top part of the hipbone and the fused bottom vertebrae

sac·ro·sanct (sak'rō saŋkt') ***adj.*** [< L *sacer*, sacred + *sanctus*, holy] very sacred, holy, or inviolable

sad (sad) ***adj.*** **sad'der**, **sad'dest** [OE *sæd*, sated] **1** having or expressing low spirits; unhappy; sorrowful **2** causing dejection, sorrow, etc. **3** [Inf.] very bad; deplorable —**sad'ly** ***adv.*** —**sad'ness** ***n.***

sad'den ***vt.***, ***vi.*** to make or become sad

sad·dle (sad''l) ***n.*** [OE *sadol*] **1** a seat for a rider on a horse, bicycle, etc., usually padded and of leather **2** a cut of lamb, etc., including part of the backbone and the two loins —***vt.*** **-dled**, **-dling** **1** to put a saddle upon **2** to encumber or burden —**in the saddle** in control

sad'dle·bag' ***n.*** **1** a bag hung behind the saddle of a horse, etc. **2** a bag carried on a bicycle, etc.

saddle horse a horse for riding

saddle shoes white oxford shoes with a contrasting band across the instep

Sad·du·cee (saj'ʊo sē') ***n.*** a member of an ancient Jewish party that accepted only the written law

sad·ism (sā'diz'əm, sad'iz'əm) ***n.*** [after Marquis de *Sade* (1740-1814), Fr writer] the getting of pleasure from mistreating others —**sad'ist** ***n.*** —**sa·dis'tic** ***adj.*** —**sa·dis'ti·cal·ly** ***adv.***

sad·o·mas·o·chism (sā'dō mas'ə kiz' əm, sād'ō-) ***n.*** the getting of sexual pleasure from sadism or masochism, or both —**sad'o·mas'o·chist** ***n.*** —**sad'o·mas'o·chis'tic** ***adj.***

sa·fa·ri (sə fär'ē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ris** [< Ar *safar*, to journey] a journey or hunting expedition, esp. in Africa

safe (sāf) ***adj.*** **saf'er**, **saf'est** [< L *salvus*] **1** *a*) free from damage, danger, etc.; secure *b*) having escaped injury; unharmed **2** *a*) giving protection *b*) trustworthy —***n.*** a locking metal container for valuables —**safe'ly** ***adv.*** —**safe'ness** ***n.***

safe'-con'duct ***n.*** permission to travel safely through enemy regions

safe'-de·pos'it ***adj.*** designating or of a box or vault, as in a bank, for storing valuables: also **safe'ty-de·pos'it**

safe'guard' ***n.*** a protection; precaution —***vt.*** to protect or guard

safe house a house, etc. used as a refuge or hiding place, as by an underground organization

safe'keep'ing ***n.*** protection or custody

safe sex sexual activity incorporating practices, as condom use, that reduce the risk of spreading sexually transmitted diseases

safe·ty (sāf'tē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ties** **1** a being safe; security **2** any device for preventing an accident **3** *Football a*) a grounding of the ball by the offense behind its own goal line, that scores two points for the defense *b*) a defensive back responsible for covering pass receivers in the middle of the field —***adj.*** giving safety

safety glass shatterproof glass

safety match a match that lights when struck on a prepared surface

safety net **1** a net suspended as beneath aerialists **2** any protection against failure or loss

safety pin a pin bent back on itself and having the point held in a guard

safety razor a razor with a detachable blade held between guards

safety valve **1** an automatic valve that releases steam if the pressure in a boiler, etc. becomes excessive **2** any outlet for the release of strong emotion, etc.

saf·flow·er (saf'lou'ər) ***n.*** [ult. < Ar *aṣfar*, yellow] a thistlelike, annual plant with large, orange flowers and seeds yielding an edible oil

saf·fron (saf'rən) ***n.*** [< Ar *za'farān*] **1** a plant having orange stigmas **2** the dried stigmas, used as a dye and flavoring **3** orange yellow

sag (sag) ***vi.*** **sagged**, **sag'ging** [prob. < Scand] **1** to sink, esp. in the middle, from weight or pressure **2** to hang down unevenly **3** to weaken through weariness, age, etc. —***n.*** **1** a sagging **2** a sagging place —**sag'gy**, **-gi·er**, **-gi·est**, ***adj.***

sa·ga (sä'gə) ***n.*** [ON, a tale] **1** a medieval Scandinavian story relating the legendary history of a family **2** any long story of heroic deeds

sa·ga·cious (sə gā'shəs) ***adj.*** [< L *sagax*, wise] very wise; shrewd —**sa·gac'i·ty** (-gas'ə tē) ***n.***

sage[1] (sāj) ***adj.*** **sag'er**, **sag'est** [ult. < L *sapere*, know] **1** wise, discerning, etc. **2** showing wisdom —***n.*** a very wise man

sage[2] (sāj) ***n.*** [< L *salvus*, safe: from its reputed healing powers] **1** a plant of the mint family with leaves used for seasoning meats, etc. **2** SAGEBRUSH

sage'brush' ***n.*** a plant with aromatic leaves, in the dry areas of the W U.S.

Sag·it·tar·i·us (saj'ə ter'ē əs) ***n.*** [L,

archer] the ninth sign of the zodiac
sa·go (sā′gō) *n.*, *pl.* **-gos** an edible starch from a Malayan palm tree, etc.
sa·gua·ro (sə gwär′ō) *n.*, *pl.* **-ros** [< native name] a giant cactus of the SW U.S. and N Mexico
Sa·ha·ra (sə har′ə) vast desert region extending across N Africa
sa·hib (sä′ib′) *n.* [Hindi < Ar] sir; master: title used in colonial India when speaking to or of a European
said (sed) *vt., vi. pt. & pp. of* SAY —*adj.* aforesaid
Sai·gon (sī gän′) *former name for* HO CHI MINH CITY
sail (sāl) *n.* [OE *segl*] **1** a sheet, as of canvas, spread to catch the wind, so as to drive a vessel forward **2** sails collectively **3** a trip in a ship or boat **4** anything like a sail —*vi.* **1** to be moved forward by means of sails **2** to travel on water **3** to begin a trip by water **4** to manage a sailboat **5** to glide or move smoothly **6** [Inf.] to move quickly —*vt.* **1** to move upon (a body of water) in a vessel **2** to manage or navigate (a vessel) —**set** (or **make**) **sail** to begin a trip by water —**under sail** sailing
sail′board′ *n.* a board used in windsurfing
sail′boat′ *n.* a boat propelled by a sail or sails
sail′cloth′ *n.* canvas or other cloth for making sails, tents, etc.



SAILFISH

sail′fish′ *n.*, *pl.* **-fish′** or (for different species) **-fish′es** a large marine fish with a sail-like dorsal fin
sail′or *n.* **1** a person whose work is sailing **2** an enlisted person in the navy
sail′plane′ *n.* a light glider
saint (sānt) *n.* [< L *sanctus*, holy] **1** a holy person **2** a person who is exceptionally charitable, patient, etc. **3** in certain Christian churches, a person officially recognized for having attained heaven after an exceptionally holy life —**saint′li·ness** *n.* —**saint′ly**, **-li·er**, **-li·est**, *adj.*
Saint Ber·nard (bər närd′) a large dog of a breed once used to rescue travelers lost in the snow
Saint Nich·o·las (nik′ə ləs) SANTA CLAUS: also **Saint Nick**
Saint Pat·rick's Day (pa′triks) March 17, observed by the Irish in honor of the patron saint of Ireland
Saint Valentine's Day February 14, observed in honor of a martyr of the 3d c. and as a day for sending valentines
saith (seth) *vt., vi.* [Archaic] says
sake[1] (sāk) *n.* [OE *sacu*, suit at law] **1** motive; cause *[*for the *sake* of money*]* **2** behalf *[*for my *sake]*
sa·ke[2] (sä′kē) *n.* [Jpn] a Japanese alcoholic beverage made from rice: also sp. **sa′ki**
sa·laam (sə läm′) *n.* [Ar *salām*, peace] in India and the Near East, a greeting, etc. made by bowing low in respect or obeisance
sal·a·ble (sāl′ə bəl) *adj.* that can be sold; marketable: also sp. **sale′a·ble**
sa·la·cious (sə lā′shəs) *adj.* [< L *salire*, to leap] **1** lustful **2** obscene —**sa·la′cious·ly** *adv.* —**sa·la′cious·ness** *n.*
sal·ad (sal′əd) *n.* [< L *sal*, salt] a dish, usually cold, of fruits, vegetables (esp. lettuce), meat, eggs, etc. usually mixed with salad dressing
salad bar a buffet in a restaurant, at which diners make their own salads
salad dressing oil, vinegar, spices, etc. put on a salad
sa·lade niçoise (sal′əd nē swäz′) a salad of tuna, tomatoes, etc. with a garlic vinaigrette
sal·a·man·der (sal′ə man′dər) *n.* [< Gr *salamandra*] **1** a mythological reptile said to live in fire **2** an amphibian with a tail and soft, moist skin
sa·la·mi (sə lä′mē) *n.* [It < L *sal*, salt] a spiced, salted sausage
sal·a·ry (sal′ə rē) *n.*, *pl.* **-ries** [< L *salarium*, orig. part of a soldier's pay for buying salt < *sal*, salt] a fixed payment at regular intervals for work —**sal′a·ried** (-rēd) *adj.*
sale (sāl) *n.* [< ON *sala*] **1** a selling **2** opportunity to sell; market **3** an auction **4** a special offering of goods at reduced prices **5** [*pl.*] receipts in business **6** [*pl.*] the work of, or a department involved in, selling *[*a job in *sales]* —**for sale** to be sold —**on sale** for sale, esp. at a reduced price
Sa·lem (sā′ləm) capital of Oregon, in the NW part: pop. 108,000
sales·clerk (sālz′klurk′) *n.* a person employed to sell goods in a store
sales′girl′ *n.* a girl or woman salesclerk
sales′la′dy *n.*, *pl.* **-dies** [Inf.] a woman employed as a salesclerk
sales′man (-mən) *n.*, *pl.* **-men** (-mən) **1** a man employed as a salesclerk **2** SALES REPRESENTATIVE
sales′man·ship′ *n.* the skill of selling
sales′per′son *n.*, *pl.* **-peo′ple** a person employed to sell goods or services
sales representative a salesperson, esp. one employed as a traveling agent for a manufacturer, etc.
sales slip a receipt or bill of sale
sales tax a tax on sales
sales′wom′an *n.*, *pl.* **-wom′en** a woman salesclerk or sales representative
sal·i·cyl·ic acid (sal′ə sil′ik) [< L *salix*,

willow] a crystalline compound used to make aspirin, etc.

sa·lient (sāl′yənt) ***adj.*** [< L *salire*, to leap] **1** pointing outward; jutting **2** conspicuous; prominent —***n.*** a salient angle, part, etc. —**sa′lience** ***n.***

sa·line (sā′lēn′, -līn′) ***adj.*** [< L *sal*, salt] of, like, or containing salt —***n.*** a saline solution used in medicine, etc. —**sa·lin·i·ty** (sə lin′ə tē) ***n.***

sa·li·va (sə lī′və) ***n.*** [L] the watery fluid secreted by glands in the mouth: it aids in digestion —**sal·i·var·y** (sal′ə ver′ē) ***adj.***

sal·i·vate (sal′ə vāt′) ***vi.*** **-vat′ed, -vat′ing** [< L *salivare*] to secrete saliva —**sal′i·va′tion** ***n.***

sal·low (sal′ō) ***adj.*** [ME *salou*] of a sickly, pale-yellowish complexion

sal·ly (sal′ē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-lies** [< L *salire*, to leap] **1** a sudden rushing forth, as to attack **2** a witty remark; quip **3** an excursion —***vi.*** **-lied, -ly·ing** to rush or set (*forth* or *out*) on a sally

salm·on (sam′ən) ***n.***, *pl.* **-on** or **-ons** [< L *salmo*] **1** a game and food fish with yellowish pink flesh, that lives in salt water and spawns in fresh water **2** yellowish pink: also **salmon pink**

sal·mo·nel·la (sal′mə nel′ə) ***n.***, *pl.* **-nel′lae** (-ē), **-nel′la**, or **-nel′las** [after D. E. *Salmon* (1850-1914), U.S. doctor] any of a genus of bacilli that cause typhoid fever, food poisoning, etc.

sa·lon (sə län′) ***n.*** [Fr: see fol.] **1** a large reception hall or drawing room **2** a regular gathering of distinguished guests **3** a shop furnished to provide some personal service *[*beauty *salon]*

sa·loon (sə lo͞on′) ***n.*** [< Fr < It *sala*] **1** any large room or hall for receptions, etc. **2** [Old-fashioned] a place where alcoholic drinks are sold; bar

sal·sa (säl′sə) ***n.*** [AmSp, sauce < L, salted food] **1** a kind of Latin American dance music usually played at fast tempos **2** a hot sauce made with chilies, tomatoes, etc.

salt (sôlt) ***n.*** [OE *sealt*] **1** a white, crystalline substance, sodium chloride, found in natural beds, in sea water, etc., and used for seasoning food, etc. **2** a chemical compound derived from an acid by replacing hydrogen with a metal **3** piquancy; esp., pungent wit **4** [*pl.*] mineral salts used as a cathartic or restorative **5** [Inf.] a sailor —***adj.*** containing, preserved with, or tasting of salt —***vt.*** to sprinkle, season, or preserve with salt —**salt away** [Inf.] to store or save (money, etc.) —**salt of the earth** any person or persons regarded as the finest, etc. —**with a grain of salt** with allowance for exaggeration, etc.; skeptically —**salt′ed** ***adj.***

salt′cel′lar (-sel′ər) ***n.*** [< prec. + Fr *salière*, saltcellar] **1** a small dish for holding salt **2** a saltshaker

salt·ine (sôl tēn′) ***n.*** [SALT + -INE[3]] a flat, crisp, salted cracker

Salt Lake City capital of Utah: pop. 160,000

salt lick a natural deposit or a block of rock salt which animals lick

salt′pe′ter (-pēt′ər) ***n.*** [< L *sal*, salt + *petra*, rock] NITER

salt pork pork cured in salt

salt′shak′er ***n.*** a container for salt, with a perforated top

salt′wa′ter ***adj.*** of salt water or the sea

salt′y ***adj.*** **-i·er, -i·est** **1** of or having salt **2** suggesting the sea **3** *a)* sharp; witty *b)* coarse *c)* cross or caustic

sa·lu·bri·ous (sə lo͞o′brē əs) ***adj.*** [< L *salus*, health] healthful; wholesome

sal·u·tar·y (sal′yo͞o ter′ē) ***adj.*** [see prec.] **1** healthful **2** beneficial

sal·u·ta·tion (sal′yo͞o tā′shən) ***n.*** [see fol.] **1** the act of greeting, addressing, etc. **2** a form of greeting, as the "Dear Sir" of a letter

sa·lute (sə lo͞ot′) ***vt., vi.*** **-lut′ed, -lut′ing** [< L *salus*, health] **1** to greet with friendly words or ceremonial gesture **2** to honor by performing a prescribed act, such as raising the right hand to the head, in military and naval practice **3** to praise; commend —***n.*** an act or remark made in saluting

sal·vage (sal′vij) ***n.*** [see SAVE[1]] **1** *a)* the rescue of a ship and cargo from shipwreck, etc. *b)* compensation paid for such rescue **2** *a)* the rescue of any property from destruction or waste *b)* the property saved —***vt.*** **-vaged, -vag·ing** to save or rescue from shipwreck, fire, etc.

sal·va·tion (sal vā′shən) ***n.*** [< L *salvare*, save] **1** a saving or being saved **2** a person or thing that saves **3** *Theol.* deliverance from sin and from the penalties of sin; redemption

salve (sav) ***n.*** [OE *sealf*] **1** any soothing or healing ointment for wounds, burns, etc. **2** anything that soothes —***vt.*** **salved, salv′ing** to soothe

sal·ver (sal′vər) ***n.*** [ult. < L *salvare*, save] a tray

sal·vo (sal′vō) ***n.***, *pl.* **-vos** or **-voes** [< It < L *salve*, hail!] a discharge of a number of guns, in salute or at a target

SAM (sam) ***n.*** surface-to-air missile

sam·ba (sam′bə, säm′-) ***n.*** [Port] a Brazilian dance of African origin, or music for it

same (sām) ***adj.*** [< ON *samr*] **1** being the very one; identical **2** alike in kind, quality, amount, etc. **3** unchanged *[*to keep the *same* look*]* **4** before-mentioned Usually used with *the* —***pron.*** the same person or thing —***adv.*** in like manner: usually with *the* —**same′ness** ***n.***

sam·iz·dat (säm′iz dät′) ***n.*** [Russ, self-published] in the U.S.S.R., a system by which writings officially disapproved of were circulated secretly

Sa·mo·a (sə mō′ə) country in the SW Pacific, consisting of two large islands & several small ones: 1,093 sq. mi.; pop. 160,000 —**Sa·mo′an** ***adj.***, ***n.***

sam·o·var (sam′ə vär′) ***n.*** a Russian metal urn with a spigot, for heating water in making tea

sam·pan (sam′pan′) ***n.*** [< Chin dial.] a small boat used in China and Japan, rowed with a scull from the stern

sam·ple (sam′pəl) ***n.*** ⟦see EXAMPLE⟧ **1** a part or item taken as representative of a whole thing, group, etc.; specimen **2** an example —***vt.*** **-pled**, **-pling** to take (and test) a sample of

sam′pler (-plər) ***n.*** **1** one who samples **2** a collection of representative selections **3** a cloth embroidered with designs, mottoes, etc. in different stitches

Sam·son (sam′sən) ***n.*** *Bible* an Israelite noted for his great strength

Sam·u·el (sam′yo͞o əl) ***n.*** *Bible* a Hebrew leader and prophet

sam·u·rai (sam′ə rī′) ***n.***, *pl.* **-rai′** ⟦Jpn⟧ a member of a military class in feudal Japan

San An·to·ni·o (san′ an tō′nē ō′) city in SC Texas: site of the Alamo: pop. 935,000

san·a·to·ri·um (san′ə tôr′ē əm) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ri·ums** or **-ri·a** (-ə) *chiefly Brit. var. of* SANITARIUM

San Ber·nar·di·no (bur′nər dē′nō, -nə-) city in S California: pop. 164,000

sanc·ti·fy (saŋk′tə fī′) ***vt.*** **-fied′**, **-fy′ing** ⟦see SAINT & -FY⟧ **1** to set apart as holy; consecrate **2** to make free from sin —**sanc′ti·fi·ca′tion** ***n.***

sanc·ti·mo·ni·ous (saŋk′tə mō′nē əs) ***adj.*** pretending to be pious —**sanc′ti·mo′ni·ous·ly** ***adv.***

sanc′ti·mo′ny ***n.*** ⟦< L *sanctus*, holy⟧ pretended piety

sanc·tion (saŋk′shən) ***n.*** ⟦see SAINT⟧ **1** authorization **2** support; approval **3** a coercive measure, as an official trade boycott against a nation defying international law: *often used in pl.* —***vt.*** **1** to confirm; ratify **2** to authorize; permit

sanc·ti·ty (saŋk′tə tē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ties** ⟦< L *sanctus*, holy⟧ **1** holiness **2** sacredness

sanc·tu·ar·y (saŋk′cho͞o er′ē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ies** ⟦< L *sanctus*, sacred⟧ **1** a holy place; specif., *a*) a church, temple, etc. *b*) a particularly holy place within a church or temple **2** a place of refuge or protection

sanc·tum (saŋk′təm) ***n.*** ⟦L⟧ **1** a sacred place **2** a private room where one is not to be disturbed

sand (sand) ***n.*** ⟦OE⟧ **1** loose, gritty grains of eroded rock, as on beaches, in deserts, etc. **2** [*usually pl.*] a tract of sand —***vt.*** **1** to sprinkle with sand **2** to smooth or polish, as with sandpaper —**sand′er** ***n.***

san·dal (san′dəl) ***n.*** ⟦< Gr *sandalon*⟧ **1** a shoe made of a sole fastened to the foot by straps **2** any of various low slippers or shoes



SANDALS

san′dal·wood′ ***n.*** ⟦ult. < Sans⟧ **1** the hard, sweet-smelling wood at the core of certain Asiatic trees **2** such a tree

sand′bag′ ***n.*** a bag filled with sand, used for ballast, protecting levees, etc. —***vt.*** **-bagged′**, **-bag′ging** **1** to put sandbags in or around **2** [Inf.] to force into doing something

sand′bar′ ***n.*** a ridge of sand, as one formed in a river or along a shore: also **sand bar** or **sand′bank′**

sand′blast′ ***vt.*** to clean with a current of air or steam carrying sand at a high velocity,

sand′box′ ***n.*** a box containing sand for children to play in

sand dollar any of various flat, round, disklike echinoderms that live on sandy ocean beds

S & H *abbrev.* shipping and handling

sand′hog′ ***n.*** a laborer in underground or underwater construction

San Di·e·go (san′ dē ā′gō) seaport in S California: pop. 1,111,000

S & L *abbrev.* savings and loan (association)

sand′lot′ ***adj.*** of or having to do with baseball played by amateurs, orig. on a sandy lot

sand′man′ ***n.*** a mythical person supposed to make children sleepy by dusting sand in their eyes

sand′pa′per ***n.*** paper coated on one side with sand, used for smoothing and polishing —***vt.*** to smooth or polish with sandpaper

sand′pip′er (-pī′pər) ***n.*** a small shorebird with a long, soft-tipped bill

sand′stone′ ***n.*** a sedimentary rock composed of sand grains cemented together, as by silica

sand′storm′ ***n.*** a windstorm in which large quantities of sand are blown about in the air

sand trap a hollow filled with sand, serving as a hazard on a golf course

sand·wich (sand′wich′) ***n.*** ⟦after 4th Earl of *Sandwich* (1718-92)⟧ slices of bread with meat, cheese, etc. between them —***vt.*** to place or squeeze between other persons, things, etc.

sand·y (san′dē) ***adj.*** **-i·er**, **-i·est** **1** of or like sand **2** pale reddish-yellow

sane (sān) ***adj.*** ⟦L *sanus*, healthy⟧ **1** mentally healthy; rational **2** sound; sensible —**sane′ly** ***adv.***

San Fran·cis·co (san′ frən sis′kō) seaport on the coast of central California: pop. 724,000

San Francisco Bay an inlet of the Pacific in WC California: the harbor of San Francisco

sang (saŋ) ***vi.***, ***vt.*** *alt. pt. of* SING[1]

sang-froid (sän frwä′) ***n.*** ⟦Fr, lit., cold blood⟧ cool self-possession or composure

san·gri·a (san grē′ə, saŋ-) ***n.*** ⟦Sp < *sangre*, blood⟧ an iced punch made with red wine, fruit juice, pieces of fruit, etc.

san·gui·nar·y (saŋ′gwi ner′ē) ***adj.*** ⟦see fol.⟧ **1** accompanied by much bloodshed **2** bloodthirsty

san·guine (saŋ′gwin) ***adj.*** ⟦< L *sanguis*, blood⟧ **1** of the color of blood; ruddy **2** cheerful; confident

san·i·tar·i·um (san′ə ter′ē əm) ***n.***, *pl.* **-i·ums** or **-i·a** (-ə) [ModL < L *sanitas*, health] **1** a resort where people go to regain health **2** an institution for the care of invalids or convalescents

san·i·tar·y (san′ə ter′ē) ***adj.*** [< L *sanitas*, health] **1** of or bringing about health and healthful conditions **2** in a clean, healthy condition

sanitary napkin an absorbent pad worn by women during menstruation

san·i·ta·tion (san′ə tā′shən) ***n.*** **1** the science and practice of effecting hygienic conditions **2** drainage and disposal of sewage

san·i·tize (san′ə tīz′) ***vt.*** **-tized′**, **-tiz′ing** **1** to make sanitary **2** to free from anything considered undesirable, damaging, etc.

san·i·ty (san′ə tē) ***n.*** **1** the state of being sane **2** soundness of judgment

San Jo·se (san′ hō zā′) city in WC California: pop. 782,000

San Juan (san′ hwän′) seaport & capital of Puerto Rico: pop. 438,000

sank (saŋk) ***vi.***, ***vt.*** *alt. pt. of* SINK

San Ma·ri·no (san′ mə rē′nō) independent country within E Italy: 24 sq. mi.; pop. 24,000

sans (sanz; *Fr* sän) ***prep.*** [Fr < L *sine*] without

San·skrit (san′skrit′) ***n.*** the classical literary language of ancient India: also **San′scrit**

San·ta An·a[1] (san′tə an′ə) hot desert wind from the east or northeast in S California

San·ta An·a[2] (san′tə an′ə) city in SW California: pop. 294,000

San·ta Claus (san′tə klôz′) [< Du *Sant Nikolaas*, St. Nicholas] *Folklore* a fat, white-bearded, jolly old man in a red suit, who distributes gifts at Christmas

San·ta Fe (san′tə fā′) capital of New Mexico: pop. 56,000

San·ti·a·go (sän′tē ä′gō, san′-) capital of Chile: pop. 4,100,000

São Pau·lo (sou*n* pou′lo͞o) city in SE Brazil: pop. 8,491,000

São To·mé and Prín·ci·pe (tô̇ me′ and prin′sə pē′) country off the W coast of Africa, comprising two islands (**São Tomé** and **Príncipe**): 387 sq. mi.; pop. 120,000

sap[1] (sap) ***n.*** [OE *sæp*] **1** the juice that circulates through a plant, bearing water, food, etc. **2** vigor; energy **3** [Slang] a fool —**sap′less** ***adj.***

sap[2] (sap) ***vt.*** **sapped**, **sap′ping** [< Fr *sappe*, a hoe] **1** to dig beneath; undermine **2** to weaken

sa·pi·ent (sā′pē ənt) ***adj.*** [< L *sapere*, to taste, know] wise —**sa′pi·ence** ***n.***

sap·ling (sap′liŋ) ***n.*** a young tree

sap·phire (saf′īr) ***n.*** [< Sans *śanipriya*] a precious stone of a clear, deep-blue corundum

sap·py (sap′ē) ***adj.*** **-pi·er**, **-pi·est** **1** full of sap; juicy **2** [Slang] foolish; silly —**sap′pi·ness** ***n.***

sap·ro·phyte (sap′rə fīt′) ***n.*** [< Gr *sapros*, rotten + *phyton*, a plant] any plant that lives on dead or decaying organic matter, as some fungi —**sap′ro·phyt′ic** (-fit′ik) ***adj.***

sap′suck′er ***n.*** an American woodpecker that often drills holes in trees for the sap

Sar·a·cen (sar′ə sən) ***n.*** any Arab or any Muslim, esp. at the time of the Crusades

Sar·ah (ser′ə) ***n.*** *Bible* the wife of Abraham and mother of Isaac

Sa·ra·je·vo (sar′ə yā′vō) capital of Bosnia and Herzegovina: pop. 416,000

sa·ran (sə ran′) ***n.*** [arbitrary coinage] a thermoplastic substance used in various fabrics, wrapping material, etc.

sar·casm (sär′kaz′əm) ***n.*** [< Gr *sarkazein*, to tear flesh] **1** a taunting or caustic remark, generally ironic **2** the making of such remarks

sar·cas·tic (sär kas′tik) ***adj.*** **1** of, like, or full of sarcasm **2** using sarcasm —**sar·cas′ti·cal·ly** ***adv.***

sar·co·ma (sär kō′mə) ***n.***, *pl.* **-mas** or **-ma·ta** (-mə tə) [< Gr *sarx*, flesh] a malignant tumor in connective tissue

sar·coph·a·gus (sär käf′ə gəs) ***n.***, *pl.* **-gi′** (-jī′) or **-gus·es** [< Gr *sarx*, flesh + *phagein*, to eat: limestone coffins hastened disintegration] a stone coffin, esp. one exposed to view, as in a tomb

sar·dine (sär dēn′) ***n.*** [< L *sarda*, a fish] any of various small ocean fishes preserved in tightly packed cans for eating

sar·don·ic (sär dän′ik) ***adj.*** [< Gr *sardonios*] scornfully or bitterly sarcastic —**sar·don′i·cal·ly** ***adv.***

sa·ri (sä′rē) ***n.*** [< Sans] the outer garment of a woman of India, Pakistan, etc., consisting of a long cloth wrapped around the body



SARI

sa·rong (sə rôŋ′, -räŋ′) ***n.*** [Malay *sarung*] a garment of men and women in the East Indies, etc., consisting of a cloth worn like a skirt

sar·sa·pa·ril·la (sas′ pə ril′ə) ***n.*** [≤ Sp *zarza*, bramble + *parra*, vine] **1** a tropical American vine with fragrant roots **2** a carbonated drink flavored with or as with the dried roots

sar·to·ri·al (sär tôr′ ē əl) ***adj.*** [< LL *sartor*, tailor] **1** of tailors or their work **2** of men's dress

SASE *abbrev.* self-addressed, stamped envelope

sash[1] (sash) ***n.*** [Ar *shāsh*, muslin] an ornamental band, ribbon, etc. worn over the shoulder or around the waist

sash[2] (sash) ***n.*** [< Fr *châssis*, a frame] a frame for holding the glass pane of a window or door, esp. a sliding frame

sa·shay (sa shā′) ***vi.*** [< Fr *chassé*, a dance step] [Inf.] **1** to walk or go, esp. casually **2** to move, walk, etc. so as to

attract attention

Sas·katch·e·wan (sas kach′ə wän′) province of SC Canada: 251,700 sq. mi.; pop. 990,000; cap. Regina: abbrev. *SK*

sass (sas) [Inf.] ***n.*** [var. of SAUCE] impudent talk —***vt.*** to talk impudently to

sas·sa·fras (sas′ə fras′) ***n.*** [Sp *sasafras*] **1** a small tree having small, bluish fruits **2** its dried root bark, used for flavoring

sass·y (sas′ē) ***adj.*** **-i·er, -i·est** [var. of SAUCY] [Inf.] impudent; saucy

sat (sat) ***vi., vt.*** *pt. & pp. of* SIT

Sat *abbrev.* Saturday

SAT *trademark for* Scholastic Assessment Tests

Sa·tan (sāt′′n) ***n.*** [< Heb *satan*, adversary] the Devil

sa·tan·ic (sā tan′ik, sə-) ***adj.*** like Satan; wicked —**sa·tan′i·cal·ly** ***adv.***

satch·el (sach′əl) ***n.*** [< L *saccus*, a bag] a small bag for carrying clothes, books, etc.

sate (sāt) ***vt.*** **sat′ed, sat′ing** [prob. < L *satiare*, fill full] **1** to satisfy (an appetite, etc.) completely **2** to satiate

sa·teen (sa tēn′) ***n.*** [< SATIN] a cotton cloth made to imitate satin

sat·el·lite (sat′′l īt′) ***n.*** [< L *satelles*, an attendant] **1** *a*) a celestial body revolving around a larger celestial body *b*) a man-made object rocketed into orbit around the earth, moon, etc. **2** a small state dependent on a larger one

sa·ti·ate (sā′shē āt′) ***vt.*** **-at′ed, -at′ing** [< L *satis*, enough] to provide with more than enough, so as to weary or disgust; glut

sa·ti·e·ty (sə tī′ə tē) ***n.*** a being satiated

sat·in (sat′′n) ***n.*** [< Ar *zaitūnī*, of *Zaitūn*, former name of a Chinese seaport] a fabric of silk, nylon, rayon, etc. with a smooth, glossy finish on one side —**sat′in·y** ***adj.***

sat′in·wood′ ***n.*** **1** a smooth wood used in fine furniture **2** any of the trees yielding such a wood

sat·ire (sa′tīr′) ***n.*** [< L *satira*] **1** a literary work in which vices, follies, etc. are held up to ridicule and contempt **2** the use of ridicule, sarcasm, etc. to attack vices, follies, etc. —**sa·tir·i·cal** (sə tir′i kəl) ***adj.*** —**sat·i·rist** (sat′ə rist) ***n.***

sat·i·rize (sat′ə rīz′) ***vt.*** **-rized′, -riz′ing** to attack with satire

sat·is·fac·tion (sat′is fak′shən) ***n.*** **1** a satisfying or being satisfied **2** something that satisfies; specif., *a*) anything that brings pleasure or contentment *b*) settlement of debt

sat′is·fac′to·ry (-tə rē) ***adj.*** good enough to fulfill a need, wish, etc.; satisfying or adequate —**sat′is·fac′to·ri·ly** ***adv.***

sat·is·fy (sat′is fī′) ***vt.*** **-fied′, -fy′ing** [< L *satis*, enough + *facere*, make] **1** to fulfill the needs or desires of; content **2** to fulfill the requirements of **3** to free from doubt; convince **4** *a*) to give what is due to *b*) to discharge (a debt, etc.)

sa·to·ri (sä tôr′ē) ***n.*** [Jpn] spiritual enlightenment: term in Zen Buddhism

sa·trap (sā′trap′, sa′-) ***n.*** [< Pers] a petty tyrant

sat·u·rate (sach′ə rāt′) ***vt.*** **-rat′ed, -rat′ing** [< L *satur*, full] **1** to make thoroughly soaked **2** to cause to be filled, charged, etc. with the most it can absorb —**sat′u·ra′tion** ***n.***

Sat·ur·day (sat′ər dā′) ***n.*** [< OE *Sæterdæg*, Saturn's day] the seventh and last day of the week

Saturday night special [from their use in weekend crimes] [Slang] any small, cheap handgun

Sat·urn (sat′ərn) ***n.*** **1** the Roman god of agriculture **2** the second largest planet of the solar system, with thin, icy rings of particles around its equator: see PLANET

sat·ur·nine (sat′ər nīn′) ***adj.*** [< supposed influence of planet Saturn] sluggish, gloomy, grave, etc.

sat·yr (sāt′ər, sat′-) ***n.*** [< Gr *satyros*] **1** *Gr. Myth.* a lecherous woodland deity represented as a man with a goat's legs, pointed ears, and short horns **2** a lecherous man

sat·y·ri·a·sis (sāt′ə rī′ə sis, sat′-) ***n.*** [< Gr: see prec.] uncontrollable desire by a man for sexual intercourse

sauce (sôs) ***n.*** [< L *sal*, salt] **1** a liquid or soft mixture served with food to add flavor **2** stewed or preserved fruit **3** [Inf.] impudence **4** [Slang] alcoholic liquor: with *the*

sauce′pan′ ***n.*** a small pot with a projecting handle, used for cooking

sau·cer (sô′sər) ***n.*** [see SAUCE] **1** a small, round, shallow dish, esp. one designed to hold a cup **2** anything shaped like a saucer

sau·cy (sô′sē) ***adj.*** **-ci·er, -ci·est** [SAUC(E) + -Y²] **1** rude; impudent **2** pert; sprightly —**sau′ci·ly** ***adv.*** —**sau′ci·ness** ***n.***

Sa·u·di Arabia (sou′dē, sô′-) kingdom occupying most of Arabia: 849,400 sq. mi.; pop. 16,900,000

sau·er·bra·ten (sou′ər brät′′n, zou′ər-) ***n.*** [Ger *sauer*, sour + *braten*, roast] beef marinated in vinegar with onions, spices, etc. before cooking

sau·er·kraut (sou′ər krout′) ***n.*** [Ger *sauer*, sour + *kraut*, cabbage] chopped cabbage fermented in brine

Saul (sôl) ***n.*** *Bible* first king of Israel

sau·na (sô′nə, sä′-) ***n.*** [Finnish] a bath involving exposure to hot, dry air

saun·ter (sôn′tər) ***vi.*** [ME *santren*, to muse] to walk about idly; stroll —***n.*** a leisurely walk; stroll

sau·ri·an (sôr′ē ən) ***adj.*** [< Gr *sauros*, lizard] of or like lizards

sau·ro·pod (sôr′ə päd′) ***n.*** [< Gr *sauros*, lizard + -POD] a gigantic dinosaur with a long neck and tail and a small head, as an apatosaurus

sau·sage (sô′sij) ***n.*** [see SAUCE] pork or other meat, chopped fine, seasoned, and often stuffed into a casing

sau·té (sô tā′, sō-) ***vt.*** **-téed′, -té′ing** [Fr < *sauter*, to leap] to fry quickly with a little fat

Sau·ternes (sō tʉrn′) ***n.*** [after *Sauternes*, town in France] [*often* **s-**] any of various white wines, of varying sweet-

ness: also sp. **Sau·terne′**

sav·age (sav′ij) ***adj.*** ⟦< L *silva*, a wood⟧ **1** fierce; untamed *[a savage tiger]* **2** primitive; barbarous **3** cruel; pitiless —***n.*** **1** [Now Rare] a member of a preliterate, often tribal, culture **2** a brutal or crude person —**sav′age·ly** ***adv.*** —**sav′age·ry** ***n.***

sa·van·na or **sa·van·nah** (sə van′ə) ***n.*** ⟦Sp *sabana*⟧ a treeless plain or a grassland with scattered trees

Sa·van·nah (sə van′ə) seaport in SE Georgia: pop. 138,000

sa·vant (sə vänt′, -vant′; sav′ənt) ***n.*** ⟦Fr < *savoir*, know⟧ a learned person

save[1] (sāv) ***vt.*** **saved**, **sav′ing** ⟦< L *salvus*, safe⟧ **1** to rescue or preserve from harm or danger **2** to preserve for future use **3** to prevent loss or waste of *[to save time]* **4** to prevent or lessen *[to save expense]* **5** *Theol.* to deliver from sin —***vi.*** **1** to avoid expense, waste, etc. **2** to store (*up*) money or goods —***n.*** *Sports* an action that keeps an opponent from scoring or winning —**sav′er** ***n.***

save[2] (sāv) ***prep.***, ***conj.*** ⟦< OFr *sauf*, safe⟧ except; but

sav·ing (sā′viŋ) ***adj.*** that saves; specif., *a*) economizing or economical *b*) redeeming —***n.*** **1** [*often pl., with sing. v.*] any reduction in expense, time, etc. **2** [*pl.*] sums of money saved

sav·ior or **sav·iour** (sāv′yər) ***n.*** ⟦< L *salvare*, to save⟧ **1** one who saves **2** [**S-**] Jesus Christ

sa·voir-faire (sav′wär fer′) ***n.*** ⟦Fr, to know (how) to do⟧ ready knowledge of what to do or say in any situation

sa·vor (sā′vər) ***n.*** ⟦< L *sapor*⟧ **1** a particular taste or smell **2** distinctive quality —***vi.*** to have the distinctive taste, smell, or quality (*of*) —***vt.*** to taste with delight Brit. sp. **sa′vour**

sa′vor·y ***adj.*** **-i·er**, **-i·est** **1** pleasing to the taste or smell **2** pleasant, agreeable, etc. Brit. sp. **sa′vour·y**

sav·vy (sav′ē) ***n.*** ⟦< Port *saber*, to know⟧ [Slang] shrewdness or understanding

saw[1] (sô) ***n.*** ⟦OE *sagu*⟧ a cutting tool consisting of a thin metal blade or disk with sharp teeth —***vt.*** to cut or shape with a saw —***vi.*** **1** to cut with or as with a saw **2** to be cut with a saw

saw[2] (sô) ***n.*** ⟦OE *sagu*⟧ a maxim; proverb

saw[3] (sô) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** *pt. of* SEE[1]

saw′dust′ ***n.*** fine particles of wood formed in sawing wood

sawed′-off′ ***adj.*** short or shortened

saw′horse′ ***n.*** a rack on which wood is placed while being sawed

saw′mill′ ***n.*** a factory where logs are sawed into boards

saw′-toothed′ ***adj.*** having notches along the edge like the teeth of a saw: also **saw′tooth′**

saw·yer (sô′yər) ***n.*** one whose work is sawing wood

sax (saks) ***n.*** [Inf.] *short for* SAXOPHONE

Sax·on (sak′sən) ***n.*** **1** a member of an ancient Germanic people, some of whom settled in England **2** an Anglo-Saxon **3** any dialect of the Saxons

sax·o·phone (sak′sə fōn′) ***n.*** ⟦Fr, after A. J. *Sax*, 19th-c. Belgian inventor + -PHONE⟧ a single-reed, keyed woodwind instrument with a metal body —**sax′o·phon′ist** (-fōn′ist) ***n.***

say (sā) ***vt.*** **said**, **say′ing** ⟦OE *secgan*⟧ **1** to utter or speak **2** to express in words; state **3** to state positively or as an opinion **4** to indicate or show *[the clock says one]* **5** to recite *[to say one's prayers]* **6** to estimate; assume *[he is, I'd say, forty]* —***n.*** **1** a chance to speak *[I had my say]* **2** authority, as to make a final decision: often with *the* —**that is to say** in other words

say′ing ***n.*** an adage, proverb, or maxim

say′-so′ ***n.*** [Inf.] **1** one's word, assurance, etc. **2** right of decision

Sb ⟦L *stibium*⟧ *Chem. symbol for* antimony

sc *abbrev. Printing* small capitals

SC South Carolina

scab (skab) ***n.*** ⟦< ON *skabb*⟧ **1** a crust forming over a sore during healing **2** a worker who replaces a striking worker —***vi.*** **scabbed**, **scab′bing** to become covered with a scab —**scab′by**, **-bi·er**, **-bi·est**, ***adj.*** —**scab′bi·ness** ***n.***

scab·bard (skab′ərd) ***n.*** ⟦< ? OHG *scar*, sword⟧ a sheath for the blade of a sword, dagger, etc.

sca·bies (skā′bēz) ***n.*** ⟦L, the itch⟧ a contagious, itching skin disease caused by a mite

scab·rous (skab′rəs, skā′brəs) ***adj.*** ⟦< L *scabere*, to scratch⟧ **1** scaly or scabby **2** indecent, shocking, etc.

scads (skadz) ***pl.n.*** ⟦< ?⟧ [Inf.] a very large number or amount

scaf·fold (skaf′əld) ***n.*** ⟦< OFr *escafalt*⟧ **1** a temporary framework for supporting workers during the repairing, painting, etc. of a building, etc. **2** a raised platform on which criminals are executed

scaf′fold·ing ***n.*** **1** the materials forming a scaffold **2** a scaffold

scal·a·wag (skal′ə wag′) ***n.*** ⟦< ?⟧ [Inf.] a scamp; rascal

scald (skôld) ***vt.*** ⟦< L *ex-*, intens. + *calidus*, hot⟧ **1** to burn with hot liquid or steam **2** to heat almost to the boiling point **3** to use boiling liquid on —***n.*** a burn caused by scalding

scale[1] (skāl) ***n.*** ⟦< L *scala*, ladder⟧ **1** *a*) a series of marks along a line used in measuring *[the scale of a thermometer]* *b*) any instrument so marked **2** the proportion that a map, etc. bears to the thing it represents *[a scale of one inch to a mile]* **3** *a*) a series of degrees classified by size, amount, etc. *[a wage scale]* *b*) any degree in such a series **4** *Music* a series of tones, rising or falling in pitch, according to a system of intervals —***vt.*** **scaled**, **scal′ing** **1** to climb up or over **2** to make according to a scale —**scale back** SCALE DOWN (see phrase below) —**scale down** (or **up**) to reduce (or increase) according to a fixed ratio

scale[2] (skāl) ***n.*** ⟦< OFr *escale*, shell⟧ **1** any of the thin, flat horny plates covering many fishes, reptiles, etc. **2** any thin, platelike layer or piece —***vt.***

scaled, scal'ing to scrape scales from — *vi.* to flake or peel off in scales —**scal'y, -i·er, -i·est,** ***adj.***

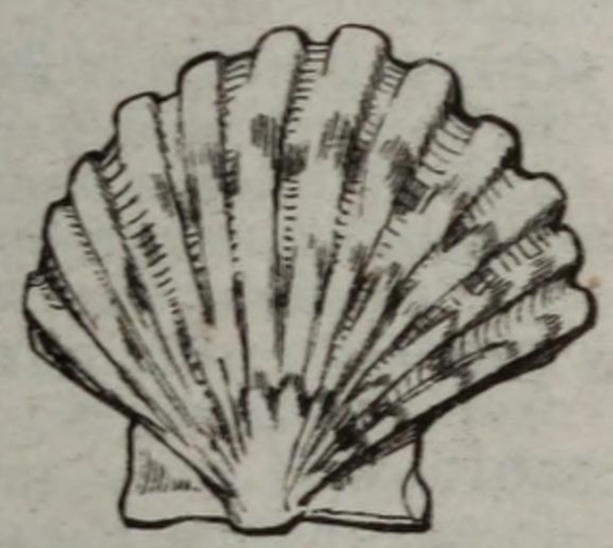
scale[3] (skāl) ***n.*** ‖< ON *skāl*, bowl‖ **1** either pan of a balance **2** [*often pl.*] *a*) BALANCE (sense 1) *b*) any weighing machine —***vt.*** **scaled, scal'ing** to weigh —**turn the scales** to decide or settle

scale insect any of various small insects destructive to plants: the females secrete a waxy scale

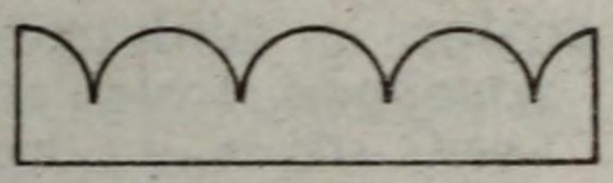
sca·lene (skā'lēn', skā lēn') ***adj.*** ‖< Gr *skalēnos*, uneven‖ having unequal sides *[a scalene* triangle*]*

scal·lion (skal'yən) ***n.*** ‖< L (*caepa*) *Ascalonia*, (onion of) Ascalon (Philistine city)‖ any of various onions or onionlike plants, as the shallot, green onion, or leek

scal·lop (skäl'əp, skal'-) ***n.*** ‖< OFr *escalope*‖ **1** *a*) any of various edible mollusks with two curved, hinged shells *b*) one of the shells **2** any of a series of curves, etc. forming an ornamental edge —***vt.*** **1** to cut the edge of in scallops **2** to bake until brown, usually with a creamy sauce and bread crumbs



SHELL OF SCALLOP



SCALLOPED BORDER

scalp (skalp) ***n.*** ‖< Scand‖ the skin on the top and back of the head, usually covered with hair —***vt.*** **1** to cut or tear the scalp from **2** [Inf.] to buy (theater tickets, etc.) and resell them at higher prices —**scalp'er** ***n.***

scal·pel (skal'pəl) ***n.*** ‖< L *scalprum*, a knife‖ a small, sharp, straight knife used in surgery, etc.

scam (skam) ***n.*** ‖prob. < *scheme*‖ [Slang] a swindle or fraud, esp. a CONFIDENCE GAME —***vt.*** **scammed, scam'ming** [Slang] to cheat or swindle, as in a confidence game

scamp (skamp) ***n.*** ‖< It *scampare*, to flee‖ a mischievous fellow; rascal

scam·per (skam'pər) ***vi.*** ‖see prec.‖ to run or go quickly —***n.*** a scampering

scam·pi (skam'pē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-pi** or **-pies** ‖It‖ a large, edible shrimp

scan (skan) ***vt.*** **scanned, scan'ning** ‖< L *scandere*, to climb‖ **1** to analyze (verse) by marking the metrical feet **2** to look at closely **3** to glance at quickly **4** to examine the structure or condition of (an internal body organ) with ultrasound, etc. **5** to pass radar beams over (an area) —***vi.*** to conform to metrical principles: said of poetry —***n.*** the act or an instance of scanning

Scan or **Scand** *abbrev.* Scandinavia(n)

scan·dal (skan'dəl) ***n.*** ‖< Gr *skandalon*, a snare‖ **1** anything that offends moral feelings and leads to disgrace **2** shame, outrage, etc. caused by this **3** disgrace **4** malicious gossip

scan'dal·ize' (-də līz') ***vt.*** **-ized', -iz'ing** to outrage the moral feelings of by improper conduct

scan'dal·mon'ger (-dəl muŋ'gər, -dəl mäŋ'-) ***n.*** one who spreads scandal or gossip

scan'dal·ous (-də ləs) ***adj.*** **1** causing scandal; shameful **2** spreading slander —**scan'dal·ous·ly** ***adv.***

Scan·di·na·vi·a (skan'də nā'vē ə) region in N Europe, including Norway, Sweden, & Denmark and, sometimes, Iceland

Scan·di·na·vi·an (skan'də nā'vē ən) ***adj.*** of Scandinavia or its peoples, languages, etc. —***n.*** **1** a person born or living in Scandinavia **2** the subbranch of the Germanic languages spoken by Scandinavians

scan·sion (skan'shən) ***n.*** ‖Fr < L *scansio*‖ the act of scanning, or analyzing, poetry

scant (skant) ***adj.*** ‖< ON *skammr*, short‖ **1** inadequate; meager **2** not quite up to full measure

scant'y ***adj.*** **-i·er, -i·est** **1** barely sufficient **2** insufficient; not enough —**scant'i·ly** ***adv.*** —**scant'i·ness** ***n.***

scape·goat (skāp'gōt') ***n.*** ‖< ESCAPE + GOAT; see Lev. 16:7-26‖ one who bears the blame for the mistakes of others —***vt.*** to make a scapegoat of

scape·grace (skāp'grās') ***n.*** ‖< ESCAPE + GRACE‖ a rogue; scamp

scap·u·la (skap'yə lə) ***n.***, *pl.* **-lae'** (-lē') or **-las** ‖ < L‖ either of the two flat bones in the upper back; shoulder blade

scar (skär) ***n.*** ‖< Gr *eschara*, orig., fireplace‖ **1** a mark left after a wound, burn, etc. has healed **2** the lasting mental or emotional effects of suffering —***vt.*** **scarred, scar'ring** to mark as with a scar —***vi.*** to form a scar in healing

scar·ab (skar'əb) ***n.*** ‖< L *scarabaeus*‖ **1** a large, black beetle **2** a carved image of such a beetle

scarce (skers) ***adj.*** ‖ult. < L *excerpere*, pick out‖ **1** not common; rarely seen **2** not plentiful; hard to get —**make oneself scarce** [Inf.] to go or stay away —**scarce'ness** ***n.***

scarce'ly ***adv.*** **1** hardly; only just **2** probably not or certainly not

scar·ci·ty (sker'sə tē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ties** **1** an inadequate supply; dearth **2** rarity; uncommonness

scare (sker) ***vt.*** **scared, scar'ing** ‖< ON *skjarr*, timid‖ to fill with sudden fear —***vi.*** to become frightened —***n.*** a sudden fear —**scare away** (or **off**) to drive away (or off) by frightening —**scare up** [Inf.] to produce or gather quickly

scare·crow (sker'krō') ***n.*** a human figure made with sticks, old clothes, etc., put in a field to scare birds away from crops

scarf (skärf) ***n.***, *pl.* **scarves** (skärvz) or sometimes **scarfs** ‖< OFr *escharpe*, purse hung from the neck‖ **1** a piece of cloth worn about the neck, head, etc. **2** a long, narrow covering for a table, etc.

scar·i·fy (skar'ə fī') ***vt.*** **-fied', -fy'ing** ‖< L *scarifare*‖ to make small cuts in (the skin, etc.) —**scar'i·fi·ca'tion** ***n.***

scar·let (skär′lit) ***n.*** ‖< ML *scarlatum*‖ very bright red —***adj.*** **1** of this color **2** sinful; specif., whorish

scarlet fever an acute contagious disease characterized by sore throat, fever, and a scarlet rash

scar·y (sker′ē) ***adj.*** **-i·er, -i·est** [Inf.] frightening —**scar′i·ness** ***n.***

scat[1] (skat) ***vi.*** **scat′ted, scat′ting** ‖? short for SCATTER‖ [Inf.] to go away: usually in the imperative

scat[2] (skat) ***adj.*** ‖< ?‖ *Jazz* using improvised, meaningless syllables in singing —***n.*** such singing —***vi.*** **scat′ted, scat′ting** to sing scat

scath·ing (skā′*th*iŋ) ***adj.*** ‖< ON *skathi*, harm‖ harsh or caustic *[scathing* remarks*]* —**scath′ing·ly** ***adv.***

sca·tol·o·gy (skə täl′ə jē) ***n.*** ‖< Gr *skōr*, excrement‖ obsession with excrement or excretion in literature —**scat·o·log·i·cal** (skat′ə läj′i kəl) ***adj.***

scat·ter (skat′ər) ***vt.*** ‖ME *skateren*‖ **1** to throw here and there; sprinkle **2** to separate and drive in many directions; disperse —***vi.*** to separate and go off in several directions

scat′ter·brain′ ***n.*** one who is incapable of concentrated thinking

scatter rug a small rug

scav·eng·er (skav′in jər) ***n.*** ‖< NormFr *escauwer*, to inspect‖ **1** one who gathers things discarded by others **2** any animal that eats refuse and decaying matter —**scav′enge** (-inj), **-enged**, **-eng·ing**, ***vt.***, ***vi.***

sce·nar·i·o (sə ner′ē ō′; -när′-) ***n.***, *pl.* **-os′** ‖see fol.‖ **1** *a*) an outline of a play, etc. *b*) the script of a film **2** an outline for any planned series of events, real or imagined —**sce·nar′ist** ***n.***

scene (sēn) ***n.*** ‖< Gr *skēnē*, stage‖ **1** the place where an event occurs **2** the setting of a play, story, etc. **3** a division of a play, usually part of an act **4** a unit of action in a play, film, etc. **5** SCENERY (sense 1) **6** a display of strong feeling *[*to make a *scene]* **7** [Inf.] the locale for a specified activity

sce·ner·y (sēn′ə rē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ies** **1** painted screens, backdrops, etc., used on the stage to represent places, as in a play, etc. **2** the features of a landscape

sce·nic (sē′nik) ***adj.*** **1** of stage scenery **2** *a*) of natural scenery *b*) having beautiful scenery

scent (sent) ***vt.*** ‖ult. < L *sentire*, to feel‖ **1** to smell **2** to get a hint of **3** to fill with an odor; perfume —***n.*** **1** an odor **2** the sense of smell **3** a perfume **4** an odor left by an animal, by which it is tracked —**scent′ed** ***adj.***

scep·ter (sep′tər) ***n.*** ‖< Gr *skēptron*, staff‖ a staff held by a ruler as a symbol of sovereignty: chiefly Brit. sp. **scep′tre**

scep·tic (skep′tik) ***n.***, ***adj.*** *chiefly Brit. sp. of* SKEPTIC —**scep′ti·cal** ***adj.*** —**scep′ti·cism′** ***n.***

sched·ule (ske′jo͞ol; *Brit & often Cdn* shej′o͞ol) ***n.*** ‖< L *scheda*, a strip of papyrus‖ **1** a list of details **2** a list of times of recurring events, projected operations, etc.; timetable **3** a timed plan for a project —***vt.*** **-uled, -ul·ing** **1** to place in a schedule **2** to plan for a certain time

sche·mat·ic (skē mat′ik) ***adj.*** of or like a scheme, diagram, etc.

scheme (skēm) ***n.*** ‖< Gr *schēma*, a form‖ **1** *a*) a systematic program for attaining some end *b*) a secret plan; plot **2** an orderly combination of things on a definite plan **3** a diagram —***vt.***, ***vi.*** **schemed, schem′ing** to devise or plot —**schem′er** ***n.***

scher·zo (sker′tsō) ***n.***, *pl.* **-zos** or **-zi** (-tsē) ‖It, a jest‖ *Music* a lively composition, usually in 3/4 time, as the third movement of a symphony, etc.

schism (siz′əm, skiz′-) ***n.*** ‖< Gr *schizein*, to cleave‖ a split, as in a church, because of difference of opinion, doctrine, etc. —**schis·mat′ic** (-mat′ik) ***adj.***

schist (shist) ***n.*** ‖< Gr *schistos*, easily cleft‖ a crystalline rock easily split into layers

schiz·o·phre·ni·a (skit′sə frē′nē ə) ***n.*** ‖< Gr *schizein*, cleave + *phrēn*, the mind‖ a mental disorder characterized by separation between thought and emotions, by delusions, bizarre behavior, etc. —**schiz′oid** (-soid) or **schiz′o·phren′ic** (-ə fren′ik) ***adj.***, ***n.***

schle·miel (shlə mēl′) ***n.*** ‖Yiddish‖ [Slang] a bungling person who habitually fails or is easily victimized

schlep or **schlepp** (shlep) [Slang] ***vt.*** **schlepped, schlep′ping** ‖via Yiddish < LowG *slepen*, to drag‖ to carry, haul, etc. —***vi.*** to go or move with effort —***n.*** an ineffectual person

schlock (shläk) [Slang] ***n.*** ‖< ? Ger *schlacke*, dregs‖ anything cheap or inferior; trash —***adj.*** cheap; inferior: also **schlock′y, -i·er, -i·est**

schmaltz (shmälts, shmôlts) ***n.*** ‖? via Yiddish < Ger *schmaltz*, rendered fat‖ [Slang] highly sentimental music, literature, etc.

schnapps (shnäps) ***n.***, *pl.* **schnapps** ‖Ger, a nip < Du *snaps*, a gulp‖ a strong alcoholic liquor: also sp. **schnaps**

schnau·zer (shnou′zər) ***n.*** ‖Ger < *schnauzen*, to snarl‖ a sturdily built dog with a wiry coat and bushy eyebrows

schol·ar (skäl′ər) ***n.*** ‖< L *schola*, a school‖ **1** a learned person **2** a student or pupil —**schol′ar·ly** ***adj.***

schol′ar·ship′ ***n.*** **1** the quality of knowledge a student shows **2** the systematized knowledge of a scholar **3** a gift of money, etc. as by a foundation, to help a student

scho·las·tic (skə las′tik) ***adj.*** ‖see fol.‖ of schools, colleges, students, etc.; educational; academic

school[1] (sko͞ol) ***n.*** ‖< Gr *scholē*, leisure‖ **1** a place or institution, with its buildings, etc., for teaching and learning **2** all of its students and teachers **3** a regular session of teaching **4** formal education; schooling **5** a particular division of a university **6** a group following the same beliefs, methods, etc. —***vt.*** **1** to train; teach **2** to discipline or control —***adj.*** of a school or schools

school[2] (sko͞ol) ***n.*** ‖Du, a crowd‖ a group of fish, etc. swimming together

school board an elected or appointed group of people in charge of public or private schools
school′book′ *n.* a textbook
school′boy′ *n.* a boy attending school
school′girl′ *n.* a girl attending school
school′house′ *n.* a building used as a school
school′ing *n.* training or education; esp., formal instruction at school
school′marm′ (-märm′, -mäm′) *n.* **1** [Old-fashioned] a woman schoolteacher **2** [Inf.] any person who tends to be prudish, pedantic, etc.
school′mas′ter *n.* [Old-fashioned] a man who teaches in a school
school′mate′ *n.* a companion or acquaintance at school
school′mis′tress *n.* [Old-fashioned] a woman who teaches in a school
school′room′ *n.* a room in which pupils are taught, as in a school
school′teach′er *n.* one who teaches in a school
school′work′ *n.* lessons worked on in classes or done as homework
school′yard′ *n.* the ground around a school, used as a playground, etc.
school year the part of a year when school is in session, usually September to June
schoon·er (skōōn′ər) *n.* [< ?] **1** a ship with two or more masts, rigged fore and aft **2** a large beer glass
Schu·bert (shōō′bərt), **Franz** (fränts) 1797-1828; Austrian composer
schuss (shoos) *n.* [Ger, lit., shot] a straight run down a hill in skiing —*vi.* to do a schuss
schwa (shwä) *n.* [Ger < Heb *sheva*] **1** the neutral vowel sound of most unstressed syllables in English, as of *e* in *agent* **2** the symbol (ə) for this
sci·at·ic (sī at′ik) *adj.* [see fol.] of or in the hip or its nerves
sci·at·i·ca (sī at′i kə) *n.* [< Gr *ischion*, the hip] any painful condition in the hip or thigh; esp., neuritis of the long nerve (**sciatic nerve**) passing down the back of the thigh
sci·ence (sī′əns) *n.* [< L *scire*, know] **1** systematized knowledge derived from observation, study, etc. **2** a branch of knowledge, esp. one that systematizes facts, principles, and methods, as NATURAL SCIENCE **3** skill or technique
science fiction highly imaginative fiction typically involving some actual or projected scientific phenomenon
sci·en·tif·ic (sī′ən tif′ik) *adj.* **1** of or dealing with science **2** based on, or using, the principles and methods of science; systematic and exact —**sci′en·tif′i·cal·ly** *adv.*
sci′en·tist *n.* a specialist in science, as in biology, chemistry, or physics
sci-fi (sī′fī′) *n.* [Inf.] *short for* SCIENCE FICTION
scim·i·tar (sim′ə tər) *n.* [It *scimitarra*] a short, curved sword used chiefly by Turks and Arabs
scin·til·la (sin til′ə) *n.* [L] **1** a spark **2** a particle; the least trace: figurative only
scin·til·late (sint′′l āt′) *vi.* **-lat′ed, -lat′ing** [< L *scintilla*, a spark] **1** to sparkle or twinkle **2** to be brilliant and witty —**scin′til·la′tion** *n.*
sci·on (sī′ən) *n.* [< OFr *cion*] **1** a shoot or bud of a plant, esp. one for grafting **2** a descendant; heir
scis·sor (siz′ər) *vt.* [< fol.] to cut, cut off, or cut out with scissors —*n.* SCISSORS, esp. in adjectival use
scis·sors (siz′ərz) *n.* [< LL *cisorium*, cutting tool] [*also with pl. v.*] a cutting instrument with two opposing blades pivoted together so that they can work against each other as the instrument is closed on paper, etc.: also called **pair of scissors**
scle·ra (sklir′ə) *n.*, *pl.* **-ras** or **-rae** (-ē) [< Gr *sklēros*, hard] the tough, white membrane covering all of the eyeball except the area covered by the cornea
scle·ro·sis (skli rō′sis) *n.*, *pl.* **-ses** (-sēz′) [< Gr *sklēros*, hard] an abnormal hardening of body tissues —**scle·rot′ic** (-rät′ ik) *adj.*
scoff (skäf, skôf) *n.* an expression of scorn or derision —*vt.*, *vi.* to mock or jeer (at) —**scoff′er** *n.*
scoff′law′ *n.* [Inf.] one who flouts traffic laws, liquor laws, etc.
scold (skōld) *n.* [< ON *skald*, poet (prob. of satirical verses)] a person, esp. a woman, who habitually uses abusive language —*vt.*, *vi.* to find fault (with) angrily; to rebuke —**scold′ing** *adj.*, *n.*
sco·li·o·sis (skō′lē ō′sis) *n.* [< Gr *skolios*, crooked] lateral curvature of the spine
sconce (skäns) *n.* [ult. < L *abscondere*, to hide] a wall bracket for candles
scone (skōn, skän) *n.* [Scot] a light cake resembling a biscuit and often quadrant-shaped
scooch (skōōch) *vi.* **1** [Inf.] to scrunch (*down, through*, etc.) **2** to slide jerkily
scoop (skōōp) *n.* [< MDu *schope*, bailing vessel, *schoppe*, a shovel] **1** any of various small, shovel-like utensils, as for taking up flour or ice cream **2** the deep shovel of a dredge, etc. **3** the act or motion of scooping **4** the amount scooped up at one time **5** [Inf.] *a*) the publication or broadcast of a news item before a competitor *b*) such a news item —*vt.* **1** to take up or out with or as with a scoop **2** to hollow (*out*) **3** [Inf.] to publish news before (a competitor)
scoot (skōōt) *vi.*, *vt.* [prob. < ON *skjōta*, to shoot] [Inf.] to go or move quickly; hurry (off)
scootch (skōōch) *vi.* [Inf.] *alt. sp. of* SCOOCH
scoot′er *n.* [< SCOOT] **1** a child's two-wheeled vehicle moved by pushing one foot against the ground **2** a similar, motor-driven vehicle with a seat: in full **motor scooter**
scope (skōp) *n.* [< Gr *skopos*, watcher] **1** the extent of the mind's grasp **2** the range or extent of action, inclusion, inquiry, etc. **3** room or opportunity for freedom of action or thought
-scope (skōp) [< Gr *skopein*, see] *combining form* an instrument, etc. for see-

ing or observing *[telescope, kaleidoscope]*

scorch (skôrch) ***vt.*** ‖< ? Scand‖ **1** to burn slightly or superficially **2** to parch by intense heat —***vi.*** to become scorched —***n.*** a superficial burn

score (skôr) ***n.*** ‖< ON *skor*‖ **1** a scratch, mark, notch, incised line, etc. **2** an account or debt **3** a grievance one seeks to settle **4** a reason or motive **5** the number of points made, as in a game **6** a grade, as on a test **7** *a*) twenty people or things *b*) [*pl.*] very many **8** a copy of a musical composition showing all parts for the instruments or voices **9** [Inf.] the basic facts *[to know the score]* —***vt.*** **scored**, **scor'ing** **1** to mark with notches, cuts, lines, etc. **2** *a*) to make (runs, points, etc.) in a game *b*) to record the score of **3** to achieve *[score* a success*]* **4** to evaluate, as in testing **5** *Music* to arrange in a score —***vi.*** **1** to make points, as in a game **2** to keep the score of a game **3** to gain an advantage, a success, etc. —**scor'er** ***n.***

score'board' ***n.*** a large board for posting scores, etc., as in a stadium

score'less ***adj.*** with no points scored

scorn (skôrn) ***n.*** ‖< OFr *escharnir*, to scorn‖ extreme, often indignant, contempt —***vt.*** **1** to regard with scorn **2** to refuse or reject with scorn —**scorn'ful** ***adj.*** —**scorn'ful·ly** ***adv.***

Scor·pi·o (skôr'pē ō') ***n.*** ‖L, scorpion‖ the eighth sign of the zodiac

scor'pi·on (-ən) ***n.*** ‖< Gr *skorpios*‖ an arachnid with a long tail ending in a poisonous sting



SCORPION

Scot[1] (skät) ***n.*** a person born or living in Scotland

Scot[2] *abbrev.* **1** Scotland **2** Scottish

scotch (skäch) ***vt.*** ‖prob. < OFr *coche*, a nick‖ **1** to maim **2** to put an end to; stifle *[to scotch* a rumor*]*

Scotch (skäch) ***adj.*** of Scotland: cf. SCOTTISH —***n.*** **1** SCOTTISH **2** [*often* **s-**] whiskey distilled in Scotland from malted barley: in full **Scotch whisky**

Scotch'man (-mən) ***n.***, *pl.* **-men** (-mən) *var. of* SCOTSMAN

Scotch tape ‖< *Scotch*, a trademark‖ a thin, transparent adhesive tape

scot-free (skät'frē') ***adv.***, ***adj.*** ‖< earlier *scot*, a tax‖ without being punished or hurt

Scot·land (skät'lənd) division of the United Kingdom: the N half of Great Britain: 29,794 sq. mi.; pop. 4,962,000

Scotland Yard the London police headquarters, esp. its detective bureau

Scots (skäts) ***adj.***, ***n.*** SCOTTISH

Scots'man (-mən) ***n.***, *pl.* **-men** (-mən) a person, esp. a man, born or living in Scotland: in Scotland, *Scotsman* or *Scot* is preferred to *Scotchman* — **Scots'wom'an**, *pl.* **-wom'en**, ***fem.n.***

Scot·tie or **Scot·ty** (skät'ē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ties** SCOTTISH TERRIER

Scot·tish (skät'ish) ***adj.*** of Scotland or its people, variety of English, etc.: *Scottish* is formal usage, but with some words, *Scotch* is used (e.g., tweed, whisky), with others, *Scots* (e.g., law) — ***n.*** the variety of English spoken in Scotland —**the Scottish** the Scottish people

Scottish terrier a short-legged terrier with a wiry coat

scoun·drel (skoun'drəl) ***n.*** ‖prob. ult. < L *ab(s)-*, from + *condere*, to hide‖ a mean, immoral, or wicked person

scour[1] (skour) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** ‖< ? L *ex-*, intens. + *cura*, care‖ **1** to clean by rubbing hard, as with abrasives **2** to clean or clear out as by a flow of water

scour[2] (skour) ***vt.*** ‖< L *ex-*, out + *currere*, to run‖ to pass over quickly, or range over, as in searching *[to scour* a library for a book*]*

scourge (skurj) ***n.*** ‖< L *ex*, off + *corrigia*, a whip‖ **1** a whip **2** any cause of serious affliction —***vt.*** **scourged**, **scourg'ing** **1** to whip or flog **2** to punish or afflict severely

scout (skout) ***n.*** ‖< L *auscultare*, to listen‖ **1** a soldier, plane, etc. sent to spy out the enemy's strength, actions, etc. **2** a person sent out to survey a competitor, find new talent, etc. **3** [**S-**] a Boy Scout or Girl Scout —***vt.***, ***vi.*** **1** to reconnoiter **2** to go in search of (something)

scout'ing ***n.*** **1** the act of one who scouts **2** [*often* **S-**] the activities of the Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts

scout'mas'ter ***n.*** the adult leader of a troop of Boy Scouts

scow (skou) ***n.*** ‖Du *schouw*‖ a large, flat-bottomed boat used for carrying loads, often towed by a tugboat

scowl (skoul) ***vi.*** ‖prob. < Scand‖ to look angry, sullen, etc., as by contracting the eyebrows —***n.*** a scowling look — **scowl'er** ***n.***

scrab·ble (skrab'əl) ***vi.*** **-bled**, **-bling** ‖< Du *schrabben*, to scrape‖ **1** to scratch, scrape, etc. as though looking for something **2** to struggle

scrag·gly (skrag'lē) ***adj.*** **-gli·er**, **-gli·est** ‖prob. < ON‖ uneven, ragged, etc. in growth or form

scram (skram) ***vi.*** **scrammed**, **scram'ming** ‖< fol.‖ [Slang] to get out, esp. in a hurry

scram·ble (skram'bəl) ***vi.*** **-bled**, **-bling** ‖< ?‖ **1** to climb, crawl, etc. hurriedly **2** to scuffle or struggle for something —***vt.*** **1** to mix haphazardly **2** to stir and cook (slightly beaten eggs) **3** to make (transmitted signals) unintelligible without special receiving equipment —***n.*** **1** a hard climb or advance **2** a disorderly struggle, as for something prized

scrap[1] (skrap) ***n.*** ‖ult. < ON *skrapa*, to scrape‖ **1** a small piece; fragment **2** discarded material **3** [*pl.*] bits of food —***adj.*** **1** in the form of pieces, leftovers, etc. **2** used and discarded —***vt.*** **scrapped**, **scrap'ping** **1** to make into scrap **2** to discard; junk —**scrap'per** ***n.***

scrap[2] (skrap) ***n.***, ***vi.*** **scrapped**, **scrap'ping** ‖< ? SCRAPE‖ [Inf.] fight or

quarrel —**scrap′per** *n.* —**scrap′py**, **-pi·er**, **-pi·est**, *adv.*

scrap′book′ *n.* a book in which to mount clippings, pictures, etc.

scrape (skrāp) *vt.* **scraped**, **scrap′ing** [< ON *skrapa*] **1** to make smooth or clean by rubbing with a tool or abrasive **2** to remove in this way: with *off, out,* etc. **3** to scratch or abrade **4** to gather slowly and with difficulty *[scrape* up some cash*]* —*vi.* **1** to rub against something harshly; grate **2** to manage to get by: with *through, along, by* —*n.* **1** a scraping **2** a scraped place **3** a grating sound **4** a predicament —**scrap′er** *n.*

scrap′heap′ (-hēp′) *n.* a pile of discarded material, as of scrap iron —**throw** (or **toss, cast,** etc.) **on the scrapheap** to get rid of as useless

scratch (skrach) *vt.* [ME *scracchen*] **1** to mark, break, or cut the surface of slightly **2** to tear or dig with the nails or claws **3** to scrape lightly to relieve itching **4** to scrape with a grating noise **5** to write hurriedly or carelessly **6** to strike out (writing, etc.) **7** *Sports* to withdraw (a contestant, etc.) —*vi.* **1** to use nails or claws in digging, wounding, etc. **2** to scrape —*n.* **1** a scratching **2** a mark, tear, etc. made by scratching **3** a grating or scraping sound —*adj.* used for hasty notes, figuring etc. *[scratch* paper*]* —**from scratch** from nothing; without resources, etc. —**up to scratch** [Inf.] up to standard —**scratch′y**, **-i·er**, **-i·est**, *adj.* —**scratch′i·ly** *adv.* —**scratch′i·ness** *n.*

scratch′pad′ *n.* a pad of paper for jotting notes

scrawl (skrôl) *vt., vi.* [< ?] to write or draw hastily, carelessly, etc. —*n.* sprawling, often illegible handwriting

scraw·ny (skrô′nē) *adj.* **-ni·er**, **-ni·est** [prob. < Scand] very thin; skinny —**scraw′ni·ness** *n.*

scream (skrēm) *vi.* [ME *screamen*] **1** to utter a shrill, piercing cry in fright, pain, etc. **2** to shout, laugh, etc. wildly —*vt.* to utter with or as with a scream —*n.* **1** a sharp, piercing cry or sound **2** [Inf.] a very funny person or thing

screech (skrēch) *vi., vt.* [< ON *skraekja*] to utter (with) a shrill, high-pitched sound —*n.* such a sound —**screech′y**, **-i·er**, **-i·est**, *adj.*

screen (skrēn) *n.* [< OFr *escren*] **1** a partition, curtain, etc. used to separate, conceal, etc. **2** anything that shields, conceals, etc. **3** a coarse mesh of wire, etc., used as a sieve **4** a frame covered with a mesh *[a window screen]* **5** *a*) a surface on which films, slides, etc. are projected *b*) the film industry *c*) the surface of a TV set, computer, etc. on which images are formed —*vt.* **1** to conceal or protect, as with a screen **2** to sift through a screen **3** to separate according to skills, etc. **4** to show (a film, etc.) to critics, the public, etc.

screen′play′ *n.* the script from which a film is produced

screen′writ′er *n.* the writer of a script for a film —**screen′writ′ing** *n.*

screw (skro͞o) *n.* [< Fr *escroue*, hole in which the screw turns] **1** a cylindrical or conical piece of metal threaded in an advancing spiral, for fastening things: it penetrates when turned **2** any spiral thing like this **3** anything operating or threaded like a screw —*vt.* **1** to twist; turn **2** to fasten, tighten, etc. as with a screw **3** to contort —*vi.* **1** to go together or come apart by being turned like a screw *[the* lid *screws* on*]* **2** to twist or turn —**put the screws on** (or **to**) [Inf.] to subject to great pressure; coerce —**screw up** [Inf.] to bungle

screw′ball′ *n.* [Slang] an erratic, irrational or unconventional person

screw′driv′er *n.* a tool used for turning screws

screw′worm′ *n.* the larva of an American blowfly that infests wounds, and the nostrils, navel, etc. of animals

screw·y (skro͞o′ē) *adj.* **-i·er**, **-i·est** [Slang] **1** crazy **2** peculiar, eccentric

scrib·ble (skrib′əl) *vt., vi.* **-bled**, **-bling** [< L *scribere*, write] **1** to write carelessly, hastily, etc. **2** to make meaningless or illegible marks (on) —*n.* scribbled writing —**scrib′bler** *n.*

scribe (skrīb) *n.* [< L *scribere*, write] **1** a person who copied manuscripts before the invention of printing **2** a writer

scrim (skrim) *n.* [< ?] **1** a light, sheer, loosely woven cotton or linen cloth **2** such a cloth used as a stage backdrop or semitransparent curtain

scrim·mage (skrim′ij) *n.* [< SKIRMISH] **1** *Football* play that follows the snap from center **2** a practice game —*vi.* **-maged**, **-mag·ing** to take part in a scrimmage

scrimp (skrimp) *vt., vi.* [< ? Scand] to be sparing or frugal (with)

scrim′shaw′ (-shô′) *n.* an intricate carving of bone, ivory, etc. done esp. by sailors

scrip (skrip) *n.* [< fol.] a certificate of a right to receive something, as money or goods

script (skript) *n.* [< L *scribere*, to write] **1** handwriting **2** a copy of the text of a play, film etc.

scrip·ture (skrip′chər) *n.* [see prec.] **1** any sacred writing **2** [**S-**] [*often pl.*] the sacred writings of the Jews; Old Testament **3** [**S-**] [*often pl.*] the Christian Bible; Old and New Testaments —**scrip′tur·al** *adj.*

script′writ′er *n.* one who writes scripts for films, TV, etc.

scrod (skräd) *n.* [prob. < MDu *schrode*, piece cut off] a young codfish or haddock, esp. one prepared for cooking

scrof·u·la (skräf′yə lə) *n.* [< L *scrofa*, a sow] tuberculosis of the lymphatic glands, esp. of the neck —**scrof′u·lous** *adj.*

scroll (skrōl) *n.* [< ME *scrowle*] **1** a roll of parchment, paper, etc., usually with writing on it **2** an ornamental design in coiled or spiral form —*vi.* to move lines of text, etc. vertically on a video screen

scro·tum (skrōt′əm) *n., pl.* **-ta** (-ə) or **-tums** [L] the pouch of skin holding the testicles

scrounge (skrounj) *vt.* **scrounged**, **scroung′ing** [< ?] [Inf.] **1** to get by beg-

ging or sponging; mooch **2** to pilfer —*vi.* [Inf.] to seek (*around*) for something —**scroung′er** *n.*

scroung′y *adj.* **-i·er, -i·est** [Slang] shabby, dirty, unkempt, etc. —**scroung′i·ness** *n.*

scrub[1] (skrub) *n.* ‖ME, var. of *shrubbe*, shrub‖ **1** a thick growth of stunted trees or bushes **2** any person or thing smaller than the usual, or inferior **3** *Sports* a substitute player —*adj.* small, stunted, inferior, etc. —**scrub′by, -bi·er, -bi·est,** *adj.*

scrub[2] (skrub) *vt., vi.* **scrubbed, scrub′bing** ‖prob. < Scand‖ **1** to clean or wash by rubbing hard **2** to rub hard —*n.* a scrubbing —**scrub′ber** *n.*

scrub′wom′an *n., pl.* **-wom′en** CHARWOMAN

scruff (skruf) *n.* ‖< ON *skrufr*, a tuft of hair‖ the nape of the neck

scruff·y (skruf′ē) *adj.* **-i·er, -i·est** ‖< SCURF + -Y[2]‖ shabby; unkempt

scrump·tious (skrump′shəs) *adj.* ‖< SUMPTUOUS‖ [Inf.] very pleasing, etc., esp. to the taste

scrunch (skrunch) *vt., vi.* ‖< CRUNCH‖ **1** to crunch, crush, etc. **2** to huddle, squeeze, etc. —*n.* a crunching or crumpling sound

scru·ple (skro͞o′pəl) *n.* ‖< L *scrupulus*, small stone‖ **1** a very small quantity **2** doubt arising from difficulty in deciding what is right —*vt., vi.* **-pled, -pling** to hesitate (at) from doubt

scru′pu·lous (-pyə ləs) *adj.* **1** having or showing scruples; conscientiously honest **2** careful of details; precise —**scru′pu·los′i·ty** (-läs′ət ē), *pl.* **-ties,** *n.* —**scru′pu·lous·ly** *adv.*

scru·ti·nize (skro͞ot′′n īz′) *vt.* **-nized′, -niz′ing** to examine closely

scru·ti·ny (skro͞ot′′n ē) *n., pl.* **-nies** ‖< L *scrutari*, examine‖ **1** a close examination or watch **2** a lengthy, searching look

scu·ba (sko͞o′bə) *n.* ‖*s*(*elf-*)*c*(*ontained*) *u*(*nderwater*) *b*(*reathing*) *a*(*pparatus*)‖ a diver's equipment with compressed-air tanks for breathing underwater

scud (skud) *vi.* **scud′ded, scud′ding** ‖prob. < ON‖ to move swiftly —*n.* a scudding

scuff (skuf) *vt., vi.* ‖prob. < ON *skufa*, to shove‖ **1** to wear or get a rough place on the surface (of) **2** to drag (the feet) —*n.* **1** a worn or rough spot **2** a flat-heeled house slipper with no back upper part

scuf·fle (skuf′əl) *vi.* **-fled, -fling** ‖< prec.‖ **1** to struggle or fight in rough confusion **2** to drag the feet —*n.* **1** a confused fight **2** a shuffling of feet

scull (skul) *n.* ‖ME *skulle*‖ **1** an oar worked from side to side over the stern of a boat **2** a light rowboat for racing —*vt., vi.* to propel with a scull

scul·ler·y (skul′ər ē) *n., pl.* **-ies** ‖< L *scutella*, tray‖ [Now Rare] a room near the kitchen, where pots, pans, etc. are cleaned and stored

scul·lion (skul′yən) *n.* ‖ult. < L *scopa*, a broom‖ [Archaic] a servant doing the rough kitchen work

sculpt (skulpt) *vt., vi.* SCULPTURE

sculp·tor (skulp′tər) *n.* an artist who creates works of sculpture

sculp·ture (skulp′chər) *n.* ‖< L *sculpere*, to carve‖ **1** the art of shaping stone, clay, wood, metal, etc. into statues, figures, etc. **2** a work or works of sculpture —*vt., vi.* **-tured, -tur·ing 1** to cut, carve, chisel, etc. (statues, figures, etc.) **2** to make or form like sculpture —**sculp′tur·al** *adj.*

scum (skum) *n.* ‖< MDu *schum*‖ **1** a thin layer of impurities on the top of a liquid **2** refuse **3** [Inf.] a despicable person or persons —*vi.* to become covered with scum —**scum′my, -mi·er, -mi·est,** *adj.*

scup·per (skup′ər) *n.* ‖< OFr *escopir*, to spit‖ an opening in a ship's side to allow water to run off the deck

scurf (skurf) *n.* ‖< ON‖ **1** little, dry scales shed by the skin, as dandruff **2** any scaly coating —**scurf′y, -i·er, -i·est,** *adj.*

scur·ri·lous (skur′ə ləs) *adj.* ‖< L *scurra*, buffoon‖ vulgarly abusive —**scur·ril·i·ty** (skə ril′ə tē), *pl.* **-ties,** *n.* —**scur′ri·lous·ly** *adv.*

scur·ry (skur′ē) *vi.* **-ried, -ry·ing** ‖< ?‖ to run hastily; scamper —*n.* a scurrying

scur·vy (skur′vē) *adj.* **-vi·er, -vi·est** ‖< SCURF‖ low; mean —*n.* a disease resulting from a deficiency of vitamin C, characterized by weakness, anemia, spongy gums, etc. —**scur′vi·ly** *adv.*

scut·tle[1] (skut′′l) *n.* ‖< L *scutella*, tray‖ a bucket for carrying coal

scut·tle[2] (skut′′l) *vi.* **-tled, -tling** ‖ME *scutlen*‖ to scamper —*n.* a scamper

scut·tle[3] (skut′′l) *n.* ‖< Sp *escotilla*, an indentation‖ an opening fitted with a cover, as in the hull or deck of a ship —*vt.* **-tled, -tling** to cut holes through the lower hull of (a ship, etc.) to sink it

scut·tle·butt (skut′′l but′) *n.* ‖< *scuttled butt*, lidded cask‖ [Inf.] rumor or gossip

scuz·zy (skuz′ē) *adj.* **-zi·er, -zi·est** ‖< ?‖ [Slang] dirty, shabby, etc.

scythe (sīth) *n.* ‖OE *sithe*‖ a tool with a long, single-edged blade on a long, curved handle, for cutting grass, grain, etc.

SD South Dakota

Se *Chem. symbol for* selenium

SE *abbrev.* **1** southeast **2** southeastern

sea (sē) *n.* ‖OE *sæ*‖ **1** the ocean **2** any of various smaller bodies of salt water *[the Red Sea]* **3** a large body of fresh water *[Sea of Galilee]* **4** the condition of the surface of the ocean *[a calm sea]* **5** a heavy wave **6** a very great amount *[a sea of debt]* —**at sea 1** on the open sea **2** uncertain; bewildered

sea anemone a sea polyp with a gelatinous body and petal-like tentacles

sea bass (bas) a saltwater food fish

sea′bed′ *n.* the mineral-rich ocean floor

sea′board′ *n.* ‖SEA + BOARD‖ land bordering on the sea —*adj.* bordering on the sea

sea′coast′ *n.* land bordering on the sea

sea cow a large sea mammal with a cigar-shaped body and a blunt snout, as

the manatee
sea'far'er (-fer'ər) ***n.*** a sea traveler; esp., a sailor —**sea'far'ing** ***adj., n.***
sea'floor' ***n.*** the ground along the ocean bottom
sea'food' ***n.*** food prepared from or consisting of saltwater fish or shellfish
sea'go'ing ***adj.*** **1** made for use on the open sea **2** SEAFARING
sea gull GULL[1]
sea horse a small semitropical fish with a head somewhat like that of a horse
seal[1] (sēl) ***n.*** [< L *sigillum*] **1** *a*) a design or initial impressed, often into wax, on a letter or document as a mark of authenticity *b*) a stamp or ring for making such an impression **2** a piece of paper, etc. bearing an impressed design recognized as official **3** something that seals or closes tightly **4** anything that guarantees; pledge **5** an ornamental paper stamp —***vt.*** **1** to mark with a seal, as to authenticate or certify **2** to close or shut tight as with a seal **3** to confirm the genuineness of (a promise, etc.) **4** to decide finally
seal[2] (sēl) ***n.*** [OE *seolh*] **1** a sea mammal with a torpedo-shaped body and four flippers **2** the fur of some seals —***vi.*** to hunt seals —**seal'er** ***n.***
seal·ant (sēl'ənt) ***n.*** a substance, as a wax or plastic, used for sealing
sea legs the ability to walk without loss of balance on board a ship at sea
sea level the mean level of the sea's surface: used in measuring heights
sea lion a seal of the N Pacific
seal'skin' ***n.*** **1** the skin of the seal **2** a garment made of this
seam (sēm) ***n.*** [OE] **1** a line formed where two pieces of material are sewn together **2** a line that marks adjoining edges **3** a mark like this, as a scar or wrinkle **4** a layer of ore, coal, etc. —***vt.*** **1** to join together so as to form a seam **2** to mark with a seamlike line, etc. —**seam'less** ***adj.***
sea·man (sē'mən) ***n.***, *pl.* **-men** (-mən) **1** a sailor **2** *U.S. Navy* an enlisted person ranking below a petty officer —**sea'man·ship'** ***n.***
seam·stress (sēm'stris) ***n.*** a woman whose occupation is sewing
seam'y ***adj.*** **-i·er, -i·est** unpleasant or sordid *[the seamy side of life]*
sé·ance (sā'äns) ***n.*** [Fr < L *sedere*, to sit] a meeting at which a medium seeks to communicate with the spirits of the dead
sea'plane' ***n.*** an airplane designed to land on and take off from water
sea'port' ***n.*** a port or harbor used by ocean ships
sear (sir) ***vt.*** [< OE *sear*, dry (adj.)] **1** to wither **2** to burn the surface of **3** to brand
search (surch) ***vt.*** [< LL *circare*, go about] **1** to look through in order to find something **2** to examine (a person) for something concealed **3** to examine carefully; probe —***vi.*** to make a search —***n.*** a searching —**in search of** making a search for —**search'er** ***n.***
search engine software for locating documents, websites, etc. on a specified topic, etc.
search'ing ***adj.*** **1** examining thoroughly **2** piercing; penetrating
search'light' ***n.*** **1** an apparatus on a swivel that projects a strong beam of light **2** such a beam
search warrant a legal document authorizing a police search
sea'scape' (-skāp') ***n.*** [SEA + (LAND)SCAPE] **1** a view of the sea **2** a drawing, painting, etc. of such a scene
sea'shell' ***n.*** a saltwater mollusk shell
sea'shore' ***n.*** land along the sea
sea'sick'ness ***n.*** nausea, dizziness, etc. caused by the rolling of a ship or boat —**sea'sick'** ***adj.***
sea'side' ***n.*** SEASHORE
sea·son (sē'zən) ***n.*** [< VL *satio*, season for sowing] **1** any of the four divisions of the year; spring, summer, fall, or winter **2** the time when something takes place, is popular, is permitted, etc. **3** the suitable time —***vt.*** **1** to make (food) more tasty by adding salt, spices, etc. **2** to add zest to **3** to make more usable, as by aging **4** to make used to; accustom —***vi.*** to become seasoned
sea'son·a·ble ***adj.*** **1** suitable to the season **2** opportune; timely
sea'son·al ***adj.*** of or depending on the season —**sea'son·al·ly** ***adv.***
sea'son·ing ***n.*** anything that adds zest; esp., salt, spices, etc. added to food
season ticket a ticket or set of tickets for a series of concerts or baseball games
seat (sēt) ***n.*** [ON *sæti*] **1** *a*) a place to sit *b*) a thing to sit on; chair, etc. **2** *a*) the buttocks *b*) the part of a chair, garment, etc. that one sits on **3** the right to sit as a member *[a seat on the council]* **4** the center or the chief location *[the seat of government]* —***vt.*** **1** to set in or on a seat **2** to have seats for *[the car seats six]* **3** to put or fix in a place, position, etc. —**be seated** to sit down: also **take a seat**
seat belt straps across the hips, to protect a seated passenger: also **seat'belt'** ***n.***
Se·at·tle (sē at'l) seaport in WC Washington: pop. 516,000
sea urchin a small sea animal with a round body in a shell covered with sharp spines
sea'ward ***adj., adv.*** toward the sea: also **sea'wards** ***adv.***
sea'way' ***n.*** an inland waterway to the sea for ocean ships
sea'weed' ***n.*** a sea plant, esp. an alga
sea'wor'thy (-wur'*th*ē) ***adj.*** fit to travel on the sea: said of a ship
se·ba·ceous (sə bā'shəs) ***adj.*** [< L *sebum*, tallow] of, like, or secreting fat or a fatty substance *[sebaceous glands]*
seb·or·rhe·a or **seb·or·rhoe·a** (seb'ə rē'ə) ***n.*** [ult. < L *sebum*, tallow + Gr *rheein*, flow] an excessive discharge from the sebaceous glands, causing abnormally oily skin

sec *abbrev.* **1** second(s) **2** secondary **3** secretary **4** section(s)

SEC *abbrev.* Securities and Exchange Commission

se·cede (si sēd′) ***vi.*** **-ced′ed, -ced′ing** ‖< L *se-*, apart + *cedere*, to go‖ to withdraw formally from a group, organization, etc.

se·ces·sion (si sesh′ən) ***n.*** **1** a seceding **2** [*often* **S-**] the withdrawal of the Southern states from the federal Union at the start of the Civil War —**se·ces′sion·ist** ***n.***

se·clude (si klo͞od′) ***vt.*** **-clud′ed, -clud′ing** ‖< L *se-*, apart + *claudere*, to close‖ to shut off from others; isolate

se·clu·sion (si klo͞o′zhən) ***n.*** a secluding or being secluded; retirement; isolation

sec·ond[1] (sek′ənd) ***adj.*** ‖< L *sequi*, follow‖ **1** coming next after the first; 2d or 2nd **2** another of the same kind; other *[a second chance]* **3** next below the first in rank, value, etc. —***n.*** **1** one that is second **2** an article of merchandise not of first quality **3** an aide or assistant, as to a duelist or boxer **4** the gear next after first gear **5** [*pl.*] a second helping of food —***vt.*** **1** to assist **2** to indicate formal support of (a motion) before discussion or a vote —***adv.*** in the second place, group, etc.

sec·ond[2] (sek′ənd) ***n.*** ‖< ML (*pars minuta*) *secunda*, second (small part): from being a further division‖ **1** the sixtieth part of a minute of time or of angular measure **2** a moment; instant

sec·ond·ar·y (sek′ən der′ē) ***adj.*** **1** second in order, rank, importance, place, etc.; subordinate; minor **2** derived, not primary; derivative —***n.***, *pl.* **-ar′ies** **1** a secondary person or thing **2** *Football* the defensive backfield —**sec′ond·ar′i·ly** ***adv.***

secondary school a school, esp. a high school, coming after elementary school

secondary stress (or **accent**) a weaker stress (′) than the primary stress of a word

sec′ond-class′ ***adj.*** **1** of the class, rank, etc. next below the highest, best, etc. **2** of a cheaper mail class, as for periodicals **3** inferior, inadequate, etc. or treated as such —***adv.*** by second-class mail or travel accommodations

sec′ond-guess′ ***vt.***, ***vi.*** [Inf.] to use hindsight in criticizing (someone), remaking (a decision), etc.

sec′ond-hand′ ***adj.*** **1** not from the original source **2** used before; not new **3** of or dealing in used merchandise

second lieutenant *Mil.* a commissioned officer of the lowest rank

sec′ond·ly ***adv.*** in the second place

second nature an acquired habit, etc. deeply fixed in one's nature

second person the form of a pronoun or verb that refers to the person(s) spoken to

sec′ond-rate′ ***adj.*** **1** second in quality, rank, etc. **2** inferior

sec′ond-string′ ***adj.*** [Inf.] *Sports* that is a substitute player at a specified position —**sec′ond-string′er** ***n.***

second thought a change in thought after reconsidering —**on second thought** after reconsideration

second wind **1** the return of easy breathing after initial exhaustion, as while running **2** any fresh ability to continue

se·cre·cy (sē′krə sē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-cies** **1** a being secret **2** a tendency to keep things secret

se·cret (sē′krit) ***adj.*** ‖< L *se-*, apart + *cernere*, sift‖ **1** kept from the knowledge of others **2** beyond general understanding; mysterious **3** concealed from sight; hidden —***n.*** a secret fact, cause, process, etc. —**in secret** secretly —**se′cret·ly** ***adv.***

sec·re·tar·i·at (sek′rə ter′ē ət) ***n.*** a staff headed by a secretary; specif., an administrative staff, as in a government

sec·re·tar·y (sek′rə ter′ē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-tar′ies** ‖< ML *secretarius*, one entrusted with secrets‖ **1** one who keeps records, handles correspondence, etc. for an organization or person **2** [*often* **S-**] the head of a government department **3** a writing desk —**sec′re·tar′i·al** ***adj.***

se·crete (si krēt′) ***vt.*** **-cret′ed, -cret′ing** ‖see SECRET‖ **1** to hide; conceal **2** to form and release (a substance) as a gland, etc. does

se·cre·tion (si krē′shən) ***n.*** **1** a secreting **2** a substance secreted by an animal or plant

se·cre·tive (sē′krə tiv) ***adj.*** concealing one's thoughts, etc.; not frank or open —**se′cre·tive·ly** ***adv.*** —**se′cre·tive·ness** ***n.***

se·cre·to·ry (si krēt′ər ē) ***adj.*** having the function of secreting, as a gland

Secret Service a division of the U.S. Treasury Department for uncovering counterfeiters, guarding the President, etc.

sect[1] (sekt) ***n.*** ‖< L *sequi*, follow‖ **1** a religious denomination **2** any group of people having a common philosophy, set of beliefs, etc.

sect[2] *abbrev.* section

sec·tar·i·an (sek ter′ē ən) ***adj.*** **1** of or devoted to some sect **2** narrow-minded —***n.*** a sectarian person —**sec·tar′i·an·ism′** ***n.***

sec·tion (sek′shən) ***n.*** ‖< L *secare*, to cut‖ **1** a cutting or cutting apart **2** a part cut off; portion **3** any distinct part, group, district, etc. **4** a drawing, etc. of a thing as it would appear if cut straight through —***vt.*** to divide into sections

sec′tion·al ***adj.*** **1** of or characteristic of a given section or district **2** made up of sections —**sec′tion·al·ism′** ***n.***

sec·tor (sek′tər) ***n.*** ‖< L *secare*, to cut‖ **1** part of a circle bounded by any two radii and the included arc **2** any of the districts into which an area is divided for military operations **3** a distinct part of society or of an economy, group, etc.

sec·u·lar (sek′yə lər) ***adj.*** ‖< LL *saecularis*, worldly‖ not religious; not connected with a church —**sec′u·lar·ism′** ***n.***

sec′u·lar·ize′ (-lə rīz′) ***vt.*** **-ized′, -iz′ing** to

change from religious to civil use, control, influence, etc. —**sec'u·lar·i·za'tion** ***n.***

se·cure (si kyoor') ***adj.*** [< L *se-*, free from + *cura*, care] **1** free from fear, care, etc. **2** free from danger, risk, etc.; safe **3** firm, stable, etc. *[make the knot secure]* —***vt.*** **-cured', -cur'ing** **1** to make secure; protect **2** to make certain, as with a pledge **3** to make firm, fast, etc. **4** to obtain or bring about —**se·cure'ly** ***adv.***

se·cu·ri·ty (si kyoor'ə tē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ties** **1** a feeling secure; freedom from fear, doubt, etc. **2** protection; safeguard **3** something given as a pledge of repayment, etc. **4** [*pl.*] bonds, stocks, etc. **5** a private police force

secy or **sec'y** *abbrev.* secretary

se·dan (si dan') ***n.*** [< ? L *sedere*, to sit] an automobile with two or four doors, a permanent rigid top, and a full-sized rear seat

se·date[1] (si dāt') ***adj.*** [< L *sedare*, to settle] calm or composed; esp., serious and unemotional —**se·date'ly** ***adv.***

se·date[2] (si dāt') ***vt.*** **-dat'ed, -dat'ing** to dose with a sedative —**se·da'tion** ***n.***

sed·a·tive (sed'ə tiv) ***adj.*** [see SEDATE[1]] tending to soothe or quiet; lessening excitement, irritation, nervousness, etc. —***n.*** a sedative medicine

sed·en·tar·y (sed''n ter'ē) ***adj.*** [< L *sedere*, to sit] marked by much sitting

Se·der (sā'dər) ***n.***, *pl.* **Se·dar·im** (sə där' im) or **Se'ders** [Heb lit., arrangement] [*also* **s-**] *Judaism* the feast of Passover as observed in the home on the eve of the first (by some also of the second) day of the holiday

sedge (sej) ***n.*** [OE *secg*] a coarse, grasslike plant growing in wet ground

sed·i·ment (sed'ə mənt) ***n.*** [< L *sedere*, sit] **1** matter that settles to the bottom of a liquid **2** *Geol.* matter deposited by water or wind

sed'i·men'ta·ry (-men'tər ē) ***adj.*** **1** of or containing sediment **2** formed by the deposit of sediment, as certain rocks

sed'i·men·ta'tion (-men tā'shən, -mən-) ***n.*** the depositing of sediment

se·di·tion (si dish'ən) ***n.*** [< L *sed-*, apart + *itio*, a going] a stirring up of rebellion against the government —**se·di'tion·ist** ***n.*** —**se·di'tious** ***adj.***

se·duce (si dōōs') ***vt.*** **-duced', -duc'ing** [< L *se-*, apart + *ducere*, to lead] **1** to tempt to wrongdoing **2** to entice into having, esp. for the first time, illicit sexual intercourse —**se·duc'er** ***n.*** —**se·duc'tion** (-duk'shən) ***n.*** —**se·duc'tive** ***adj.*** —**se·duc'tress** (-tris) ***fem.n.***

sed·u·lous (sej'oo ləs) ***adj.*** [L *sedulus*] diligent

se·dum (sē'dəm) ***n.*** [< L] a perennial plant found on rocks or walls, with white, yellow, or pink flowers

see[1] (sē) ***vt.*** **saw, seen, see'ing** [OE *seon*] **1** to get knowledge of through the eyes; look at **2** to understand **3** to learn; find out **4** to experience **5** to make sure *[see* that he goes*]* **6** to escort *[see* her to her door*]* **7** to encounter **8** to call on; consult **9** to receive *[*too ill to *see* anyone*]* —***vi.*** **1** to have the power of sight **2** to understand **3** to think *[*let me *see*, who's next?*]* —**see off** to accompany (someone) to the place from which that person is to depart, as on a journey —**see through** **1** to perceive the true nature of **2** to finish **3** to help through difficulty —**see to** to attend to

see[2] (sē) ***n.*** [< L *sedes*, a seat] the official seat or jurisdiction of a bishop

seed (sēd) ***n.***, *pl.* **seeds** or **seed** [OE *sæd*] **1** *a)* the part of a plant, containing the embryo, from which a new plant can grow *b)* such seeds collectively **2** the source of anything **3** [Archaic] descendants; posterity **4** sperm or semen **5** a seeded contestant —***vt.*** **1** to plant with seeds **2** to remove the seeds from **3** to distribute (contestants in a tournament) so that the best teams or players are not matched in early rounds —***vi.*** to produce seeds —**go** (or **run**) **to seed** **1** to shed seeds after flowering **2** to deteriorate, weaken, etc. —**seed'less** ***adj.***

seed'ling (-liŋ) ***n.*** **1** a plant grown from a seed **2** a young tree

seed money money to begin a long-term project

seed vessel any dry, hollow fruit containing seeds: also **seed'case'** ***n.***

seed'y ***adj.*** **-i·er, -i·est** **1** full of seed **2** gone to seed **3** shabby, rundown, etc. —**seed'i·ness** ***n.***

seek (sēk) ***vt.*** **sought, seek'ing** [OE *secan*] **1** to try to find; search for **2** to try to get **3** to aim at **4** to try; attempt *[to seek* to please*]* —**seek'er** ***n.***

seem (sēm) ***vi.*** [prob. < ON *sœma*, conform to] **1** to appear to be *[to seem* happy*]* **2** to give the impression: usually with an infinitive *[*she *seems* to know*]*

seem'ing ***adj.*** that seems real, true, etc. without necessarily being so; apparent —**seem'ing·ly** ***adv.***

seem'ly ***adj.*** **-li·er, -li·est** suitable, proper, etc. —**seem'li·ness** ***n.***

seen (sēn) ***vt., vi.*** *pp. of* SEE[1]

seep (sēp) ***vi.*** [OE *sipian*, to soak] to leak through small openings; ooze —**seep'age** ***n.***

seer (sir) ***n.*** one who supposedly foretells the future —**seer'ess** ***fem.n.***

seer·suck·er (sir'suk'ər) ***n.*** [< Pers *shir u shakar*, lit., milk and sugar] a crinkled fabric of linen, cotton, etc.

see·saw (sē'sô') ***n.*** [< SAW[1]] **1** a plank balanced at the middle on which children at play, riding the ends, rise and fall alternately **2** any up-and-down or back-and-forth motion or change —***vt., vi.*** to move up and down or back and forth

seethe (sēth) ***vi.*** **seethed, seeth'ing** **1** to boil, surge, or bubble **2** to be violently agitated

seg·ment (seg'mənt; *for v.*, -ment) ***n.*** [< L *secare*, to cut] any of the parts into which something is or can be separated; section —***vt., vi.*** to divide into segments —**seg'men·ta'tion** ***n.***

seg·re·gate (seg'rə gāt') ***vt.*** **-gat'ed,**

-gat'ing [< L *se-*, apart + *grex*, a flock] to set apart from others; specif., to impose racial segregation on

seg're·ga'tion *n.* the policy of compelling racial groups to live apart and use separate schools, facilities, etc. —**seg're·ga'tion·ist** *n.*

se·gue (seg'wā, sā'gwā) *vi.* **-gued, -gue·ing** [It, (it follows) < L sequi, to follow] to continue without break (*to* or *into* the next part) —*n.* an immediate transition to the next part

sei·gnior (sān'yər, sān yôr') *n.* [< OFr *seignor* < L *senior*] a feudal lord

seine (sān) *n.* [< Gr *sagēnē*] a large fishing net weighted along the bottom — *vt., vi.* **seined, sein'ing** to fish with a seine —**sein'er** *n.*

Seine (sān; *Fr* sen) river in N France, flowing through Paris

seis·mic (sīz'mik) *adj.* [< Gr *seismos*, earthquake] of or caused by an earthquake —**seis'mi·cal·ly** *adv.*

seis'mo·graph' (-mə graf') *n.* [see prec. & -GRAPH] an instrument that records the intensity and duration of earthquakes

seis·mol·o·gy (sīz mäl'ə jē, sīs-) *n.* [see SEISMIC & -LOGY] the science dealing with earthquakes —**seis'mo·log'ic** (-mə läj'ik) or **seis'mo·log'i·cal** *adj.* —**seis·mol'o·gist** *n.*

seize (sēz) *vt.* **seized, seiz'ing** [< ML *sacire*] **1** *a)* to take legal possession of *b)* to capture; arrest **2** to take forcibly and quickly **3** to grasp suddenly **4** to attack or afflict suddenly *[seized* with pain*]* —*vi.* to stick or jam: said of a machine: often with *up*

sei·zure (sē'zhər) *n.* **1** a seizing or being seized **2** a sudden attack, as of epilepsy

sel·dom (sel'dəm) *adv.* [OE *seldan*, strange] rarely; infrequently

se·lect (sə lekt') *adj.* [< L *se-*, apart + *legere*, to choose] **1** chosen in preference to others **2** choice; excellent **3** exclusive —*vt., vi.* to choose or pick out —**se·lec'tor** *n.*

se·lec'tion (-lek'shən) *n.* **1** a selecting or being selected **2** that or those selected

se·lec'tive *adj.* **1** of selection **2** careful in choosing; discriminating —**se·lec'tiv'i·ty** *n.*

selective service compulsory military service set by age, fitness, etc.

se·lect'man (-mən) *n., pl.* **-men** (-mən) one of a board of governing officers in most New England towns

se·le·ni·um (sə lē'nē əm) *n.* [ModL < Gr *selēnē*, the moon] a nonmetallic chemical element, used in photoelectric devices

self (self) *n., pl.* **selves** [OE] **1** the identity, character, or essential qualities of any person or thing **2** one's own person as distinct from all others **3** one's own welfare or interest —*adj.* of the same kind, color, material, etc. *[*drapes with a *self* lining*]*

self- *prefix* of, by, in, to, or with oneself or itself The following list includes some common compounds formed with *self-* that do not have special meanings:

self-abasement	**self-induced**
self-advancement	**self-indulgence**
self-appointed	**self-indulgent**
self-awareness	**self-inflicted**
self-complacent	**self-knowledge**
self-deception	**self-love**
self-defeating	**self-pity**
self-delusion	**self-proclaimed**
self-destructive	**self-protection**
self-discipline	**self-reproach**
self-employed	**self-sealing**
self-examination	**self-support**
self-help	**self-supporting**
self-imposed	**self-sustaining**

self'-ad·dressed' *adj.* addressed to oneself *[*a *self-addressed* envelope*]*

self'-ad·he'sive *adj.* made to stick without moistening

self'-as·ser'tion *n.* a demanding to be acknowledged or an insisting upon one's rights, etc.

self'-as·sur'ance *n.* confidence in oneself —**self'-as·sured'** *adj.*

self'-cen'tered *adj.* **1** egocentric **2** selfish

self'-con'fi·dence *n.* confidence in one's own abilities, etc. —**self'-con'fi·dent** *adj.*

self'-con'scious *adj.* unduly conscious of oneself as an object of notice; specif., ill at ease —**self'-con'scious·ly** *adv.* —**self'-con'scious·ness** *n.*

self'-con·tained' *adj.* **1** keeping one's affairs to oneself **2** showing self-control **3** complete within itself

self'-con'tra·dic'tion *n.* **1** contradiction of oneself or itself **2** any statement containing elements that contradict each other —**self'-con'tra·dic'to·ry** *adj.*

self'-con·trol' *n.* control of one's own emotions, desires, actions, etc. —**self'-con·trolled'** *adj.*

self'-de·fense' *n.* defense of oneself or of one's rights, beliefs, actions, etc.

self'-de·ni'al *n.* denial or sacrifice of one's own desires or pleasures

self'-de·scribed' *adj.* described so by the person himself or herself *[*a *self-described* expert*]*

self'-de·struct' *vi.* **1** to destroy itself automatically **2** to greatly harm oneself as the result of inherent flaws

self'-de·ter'mi·na'tion *n.* **1** a making up one's own mind **2** the right of a people to choose its own form of government —**self'-de·ter'mined** *adj.*

self'-dis·cov'er·y *n.* a becoming aware of one's true potential, character, motives, etc.

self'-ed'u·cat'ed *adj.* educated by oneself, with little formal schooling

self'-ef·fac'ing *adj.* modest; retiring —**self'-ef·face'ment** *n.*

self'-es·teem' *n.* **1** self-respect **2** undue pride in oneself; conceit

self'-ev'i·dent *adj.* evident without need of proof

self'-ex·plan'a·to'ry *adj.* explaining itself; obvious

self'-ex·pres'sion *n.* expression of one's own personality or emotions, esp. in the arts

self′-ful·fill′ing *adj.* **1** bringing about one's personal goals **2** brought about chiefly as an effect of having been expected or predicted

self′-gov′ern·ment *n.* government of a group by its own members —**self′-gov′ern·ing** *adj.*

self′-im′age *n.* one's conception of oneself and of one's own abilities, worth, etc.

self′-im·por′tant *adj.* having an exaggerated opinion of one's own importance —**self′-im·por′tance** *n.*

self′-in′ter·est *n.* **1** one's own interest or advantage **2** an exaggerated regard for this

self′ish *adj.* having or showing too much concern for one's own interests, etc., with little concern for others —**self′ish·ly** *adv.* —**self′ish·ness** *n.*

self′less *adj.* having or showing devotion to others' welfare; unselfish —**self′less·ly** *adv.* —**self′less·ness** *n.*

self′-made′ *adj.* **1** made by oneself or itself **2** successful through one's own efforts

self′-por′trait *n.* a portrait of oneself, done by oneself

self′-pos·ses′sion *n.* full control of one's feelings, actions, etc. —**self′-pos·sessed′** *adj.*

self′-pro·pelled′ *adj.* propelled by its own motor or power

self′-re·crim′i·na′tion *n.* a blaming of oneself

self′-reg′u·lat′ing *adj.* regulating oneself or itself, so as to function automatically or without outside control

self′-re·li′ance *n.* reliance on one's own judgment, abilities, etc. —**self′-re·li′ant** *adj.*

self′-re·spect′ *n.* proper respect for oneself —**self′-re·spect′ing** *adj.*

self′-re·straint′ *n.* restraint imposed on oneself by oneself; self-control

self′-right′eous *adj.* regarding oneself as being morally superior to others; smugly virtuous —**self′-right′eous·ly** *adv.* —**self′-right′eous·ness** *n.*

self′-sac′ri·fice′ *n.* sacrifice of oneself or one's own interests for the benefit of others —**self′-sac′ri·fic′ing** *adj.*

self′same′ *adj.* identical

self′-sat′is·fied′ *adj.* feeling or showing an often smug satisfaction with oneself —**self′-sat′is·fac′tion** *n.*

self′-seek′er *n.* one who seeks mainly to further his or her own interests —**self′-seek′ing** *n., adj.*

self′-serve′ *adj.* *short for* SELF-SERVICE

self′-serv′ice *adj.* of or being a store, cafeteria, etc. set up so that customers pay a cashier and serve themselves

self′-serv′ing *adj.* serving one's own selfish interests

self′-styled′ *adj.* so called only by oneself

self′-suf·fi′cient *adj.* able to get along without help; independent —**self′-suf·fi′cien·cy** *n.*

self′-taught′ *adj.* having taught oneself through one's own efforts

self′-willed′ *adj.* stubborn; obstinate

self′-wind′ing (-wīn′diŋ) *adj.* wound automatically, as some wristwatches

sell (sel) *vt.* **sold**, **sell′ing** [OE *sellan*, to give] **1** to exchange (goods, services, etc.) for money, etc. **2** to offer for sale **3** to promote the sale of —*vi.* **1** to engage in selling **2** to be sold (*for* or *at*) **3** to attract buyers —**sell out** **1** to get rid of completely by selling **2** [Inf.] to betray —**sell′er** *n.*

sell′out′ *n.* [Inf.] **1** a selling out; betrayal **2** a show, game, etc. for which all seats have been sold

selt·zer (selt′sər) *n.* [< *Niederselters*, Germany] **1** [*often* **S-**] natural, effervescent mineral water **2** any carbonated water, often flavored

sel·vage or **sel·vedge** (sel′vij) *n.* [< SELF + EDGE] a specially woven edge that prevents cloth from raveling

selves (selvz) *n.* *pl. of* SELF

se·man·tics (sə man′tiks) *pl.n.* [< Gr *sēmainein*, to show] the study of the meanings of words —**se·man′tic** *adj.*

sem·a·phore (sem′ə fôr′) *n.* [< Gr *sēma*, sign + *pherein*, to bear] any apparatus or system for signaling, as by lights, flags, etc.

sem·blance (sem′bləns) *n.* [< L *similis*, like] **1** outward appearance **2** a likeness or copy

se·men (sē′mən) *n.* [L, seed] the fluid secreted by the male reproductive organs

se·mes·ter (sə mes′tər) *n.* [< L *sex*, six + *mensis*, month] either of the two terms usually making up a school year

sem·i (sem′ī′) *n.* [Inf.] a semitrailer and its attached TRACTOR (sense 2)

semi- [L] *prefix* **1** half **2** partly, not fully **3** twice in a (specified period)

sem·i·an·nu·al (sem′ē an′yo͞o əl) *adj.* happening, coming, etc. every half year

sem′i·au′to·mat′ic *adj.* designating an automatic weapon requiring a trigger pull for each round fired —*n.* a semiautomatic firearm

sem·i·cir·cle (sem′i sur′kəl) *n.* a half circle —**sem′i·cir′cu·lar** (-kyə lər) *adj.*

sem′i·co′lon *n.* a mark of punctuation (;) indicating a degree of separation greater than that marked by the comma

sem′i·con·duc′tor *n.* a substance, as germanium, used as in transistors

sem′i·con′scious *adj.* not fully conscious or awake

sem·i·fi·nal (sem′i fīn′əl; *for n.*, sem′i fīn′əl) *adj.* coming just before the final match, as of a tournament —*n.* a semifinal match, etc.

sem·i·month·ly (sem′i munth′lē) *adj.* done, happening, etc. twice a month —*adv.* twice monthly

sem·i·nal (sem′ə nəl) *adj.* [see SEMEN] **1** of seed or semen **2** that is a source **3** of essential importance; specif., *a*) basic; central *b*) crucial

sem·i·nar (sem′ə när′) *n.* [see fol.] **1** a group of supervised students doing research **2** a course for such a group

sem·i·nar·y (sem′ə ner′ē) *n.*, *pl.* **-nar′ies**

[< L *seminarium*, nursery] a school where ministers, priests, or rabbis are trained —**sem'i·nar'i·an** *n.*

Sem·i·nole (sem'ə nōl') *n.*, *pl.* **-noles'** or **-nole'** a member of a North American Indian people of S Florida & Oklahoma

se·mi·ot·ics (sē'mē ät'iks) *n.* [< Gr *sēmeion*, sign] *Philos.* a general theory of signs and symbols; esp., the analysis of signs in language

sem·i·pre·cious (sem'i presh'əs) *adj.* designating gems, as the garnet, turquoise, etc., of lower value than precious stones

sem'i·pri'vate *adj.* of a hospital room with two, three, or sometimes four beds

sem'i·pro·fes'sion·al *n.* a person who engages in a sport for pay but not as a regular occupation: also **sem'i·pro'**

sem'i·skilled' *adj.* of or doing manual work requiring only limited training

Sem·ite (sem'īt') *n.* [< Heb *Shem*, son of Noah] a member of any of the peoples speaking a Semitic language

Se·mit·ic (sə mit'ik) *n.* a major group of African and Asian languages, including Hebrew, Arabic, etc. —*adj.* designating or of the Semites or their languages, etc.

sem·i·tone (sem'i tōn') *n.* *Music* the difference in pitch between any two immediately adjacent keys on the piano

sem'i·trail'er *n.* a detachable trailer designed to be attached to a coupling at the rear of a TRACTOR (sense 2)

sem'i·trop'i·cal *adj.* partly tropical

sem'i·week'ly *adj.* done, happening, etc. twice a week —*adv.* twice weekly

sem·o·li·na (sem'ə lē'nə) *n.* [It] coarse flour from hard wheat

Sen *abbrev.* **1** Senate **2** Senator **3** [*also* **s-**] senior

sen·ate (sen'it) *n.* [< L *senex*, old] **1** a legislative assembly **2** [**S-**] the upper house of the U.S. Congress or of most of the U.S. state legislatures

sen·a·tor (sen'ət ər) *n.* a member of a senate —**sen·a·to·ri·al** (sen'ə tôr'ē əl) *adj.*

send (send) *vt.* **sent**, **send'ing** [OE *sendan*] **1** to cause to go or be transmitted; dispatch; transmit **2** to cause (a person) to go **3** to impel; drive **4** to cause to happen, come, etc. —**send for** **1** to summon **2** to place an order for —**send'er** *n.*

send'-off' *n.* [Inf.] **1** a farewell demonstration for someone starting out on a trip, career, etc. **2** a start given to someone or something

Sen·e·gal (sen'i gôl') country on the W coast of Africa: 76,124 sq. mi.; pop. 6,982,000

se·nile (sē'nīl') *adj.* [< L *senex*, old] **1** of or resulting from old age **2** showing the deterioration accompanying old age, esp. confusion, memory loss, etc. —**se·nil·i·ty** (si nil'ə tē) *n.*

sen·ior (sēn'yər) *adj.* [< L *senex*, old] **1** older: written *Sr.* after a father's name if his son's name is the same **2** of or higher rank or longer service **3** of or for seniors —*n.* **1** one who is older, of higher rank, etc. **2** a student in the last year of high school or college **3** *short for* SENIOR CITIZEN

senior citizen an elderly person, esp. one who is retired

senior high school high school, usually grades 10, 11, and 12

sen·ior·i·ty (sēn yôr'ə tē) *n.*, *pl.* **-ties** **1** a being senior **2** status, priority, etc. achieved by length of service in a given job

sen·na (sen'ə) *n.* [< Ar *sanā*, cassia plant] the dried leaflets of a tropical cassia plant used, esp. formerly, as a laxative

se·ñor (se nyôr') *n.*, *pl.* **se·ño'res** (-nyô' res) [Sp] a man; gentleman: as a title, equivalent to *Mr.* or *Sir*

se·ño·ra (se nyô'rä) *n.* [Sp] a married woman: as a title, equivalent to *Mrs.* or *Madam*

se·ño·ri·ta (se'nyô rē'tä) *n.* [Sp] an unmarried woman or girl: as a title, equivalent to *Miss*

sen·sa·tion (sen sā'shən) *n.* [< L *sensus*, sense] **1** the receiving of sense impressions through hearing, seeing, etc. **2** a conscious sense impression **3** a generalized feeling [a *sensation* of joy] **4** *a*) a feeling of general excitement *b*) the cause of such a feeling

sen·sa'tion·al *adj.* **1** arousing intense interest **2** intended to shock, thrill, etc. —**sen·sa'tion·al·ism'** *n.*

sense (sens) *n.* [< L *sentire*, to feel] **1** any faculty of receiving impressions through body organs; sight, touch, taste, smell, or hearing **2** *a*) feeling, perception, etc. through the senses *b*) a generalized feeling or awareness **3** an ability to understand some quality [a *sense* of humor] **4** sound judgment **5** [*pl.*] normal ability to reason [to come to one's *senses*] **6** meaning, as of a word —*vt.* **sensed**, **sens'ing** **1** to perceive **2** to detect as by sensors —**in a sense** to a limited degree —**make sense** to be intelligible or logical

sense'less *adj.* **1** unconscious **2** stupid; foolish **3** meaningless

sen·si·bil·i·ty (sen'sə bil'ə tē) *n.*, *pl.* **-ties** **1** the ability to respond to stimuli **2** [*often pl.*] (sensitive) awareness or responsiveness

sen'si·ble (-bəl) *adj.* **1** that can cause physical sensation **2** easily perceived **3** aware **4** having or showing good sense; wise —**sen'si·bly** *adv.*

sen'si·tive (-tiv) *adj.* **1** keenly susceptible to stimuli **2** tender; raw **3** highly perceptive or responsive **4** easily offended; touchy **5** detecting or reacting to slight changes [*sensitive* instruments] **6** of delicate or secret matters —**sen'si·tiv'i·ty** *n.*

sen'si·tize' (-tīz') *vt.* **-tized'**, **-tiz'ing** to make sensitive

sen·sor (sen'sər) *n.* a device to detect, measure, or record physical phenomena, as radiation, heat, etc.

sen·so·ry (sen'sər ē) *adj.* of the senses or sensation

sen·su·al (sen'shōō əl) *adj.* [< L *sensus*, sense] **1** of the body and the senses as

distinguished from the intellect or spirit **2** connected or preoccupied with sexual pleasure **—sen′su·al′i·ty** (-al′ə tē) ***n.*** **—sen′su·al·ly** ***adv.***

sen·su·ous (sen′shōō əs) ***adj.*** **1** of, derived from, or perceived by the senses **2** enjoying sensation

sent (sent) ***vt., vi.*** *pt. & pp. of* SEND

sen·tence (sen′təns) ***n.*** [< L *sententia*, opinion] **1** *a)* a decision as of a court; esp., the determination by a court of a punishment *b)* the punishment **2** a word or group of words, usually containing a subject and predicate, that states, asks, etc. **—*vt.* -tenced, -tenc·ing** to pronounce punishment upon (a convicted person)

sen·ten·tious (sen ten′shəs) ***adj.*** characterized by pompous moralizing

sen·tient (sen′shənt) ***adj.*** [see SENSE] of or capable of perception; conscious

sen·ti·ment (sen′tə mənt) ***n.*** [see SENSE] **1** a complex combination of feelings and opinions **2** an opinion, etc., often, one colored by emotion: *often used in pl.* **3** tender feelings **4** appeal to the emotions in literature, etc. **5** maudlin emotion

sen·ti·men·tal (sen′tə ment′l) ***adj.*** **1** having or showing tender or delicate feelings **2** maudlin; mawkish **3** of or resulting from sentiment **—sen′ti·men′tal·ism′** ***n.*** **—sen′ti·men′tal·ist** ***n.*** **—sen′ti·men·tal′i·ty** (-tal′ə tē) ***n.*** **—sen′ti·men′tal·ly** ***adv.***

sen′ti·men′tal·ize′ (-īz′) ***vi., vt.*** **-ized′, -iz′ing** to be sentimental or treat in a sentimental way

sen·ti·nel (sent′n əl) ***n.*** [< L *sentire*, to sense] a guard or sentry

sen·try (sen′trē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-tries** [< ? obs. *centrinell*, var. of prec.] a sentinel; esp., a soldier posted to guard against danger

Seoul (sōl) capital of South Korea: pop. 8,367,000

se·pal (sē′pəl) ***n.*** [< Gr *skepē*, a covering + *petalon*, petal] any of the leaflike parts of the calyx

sep·a·ra·ble (sep′ə rə bəl) ***adj.*** that can be separated **—sep′a·ra·bly** ***adv.***

sep·a·rate (sep′ə rāt′; *for adj.* sep′ə rit, sep′rit) ***vt.*** **-rat′ed, -rat′ing** [< L *se-*, apart + *parare*, arrange] **1** to set apart into sections, groups, etc.; divide **2** to keep apart by being between **—*vi.*** **1** to withdraw **2** to part, become disconnected, etc. **3** to go in different directions **4** to stop living together without a divorce **—*adj.*** **1** not joined, united, etc.; severed **2** distinct; individual **3** not shared **—sep′a·rate·ly** ***adv.*** **—sep′a·ra′tor** ***n.***

sep·a·ra·tion (sep′ə rā′shən) ***n.*** **1** a separating or being separated **2** the place this occurs; break; division **3** something that separates

sep′a·ra·tism′ (-rə tiz′əm) ***n.*** advocacy of political, religious, or racial separation **—sep′a·ra·tist** ***n.***

se·pi·a (sē′pē ə) ***n., adj.*** [< Gr *sēpia*, cuttlefish secreting inky fluid] (of) a dark reddish-brown color

sep·sis (sep′sis) ***n.*** [see SEPTIC] a poisoning caused by the absorption of pathogenic microorganisms into the blood

Sep·tem·ber (sep tem′bər) ***n.*** [< L *septem*, seven: seventh month in Roman calendar] the ninth month of the year, having 30 days: abbrev. **Sept.**

sep·tet or **sep·tette** (sep tet′) ***n.*** [< L *septem*, seven] *Music* **1** a composition for seven voices or instruments **2** the seven performers of this

sep·tic (sep′tik) ***adj.*** [< Gr *sēpein*, to make putrid] causing, or resulting from, sepsis or putrefaction

sep·ti·ce·mi·a (sep′tə sē′mē ə) ***n.*** [see prec.] a disease caused by infectious microorganisms in the blood

septic tank an underground tank in which waste matter is putrefied and decomposed by bacteria

sep·tu·a·ge·nar·i·an (sep′tōō ə jə ner′ē ən) ***n.*** [< L *septuaginta*, seventy] a person between the ages of 70 and 80

Sep·tu·a·gint (sep′tōō ə jint′) ***n.*** [< L *septuaginta*, seventy: in tradition, done in 70 days] a translation into Greek of the Hebrew Scriptures

sep·tum (sep′təm) ***n.***, *pl.* **-tums** or **-ta** (-tə) [< L *saepire*, enclose, fence] *Biol.* a wall or part that separates, as in the nose or in a fruit

sep·ul·cher (sep′əl kər) ***n.*** [< L *sepelire*, bury] a vault for burial; tomb

se·pul·chral (sə pul′krəl) ***adj.*** **1** of sepulchers, burial, etc. **2** suggestive of the grave or burial; gloomy **3** deep and melancholy: said of sound

seq. *abbrev.* [L *sequentes*] the following

se·quel (sē′kwəl) ***n.*** [< L *sequi*, follow] **1** something that follows; continuation **2** a result; consequence **3** any literary work, film, etc. continuing a story begun in an earlier one

se·quence (sē′kwəns) ***n.*** [< L *sequi*, follow] **1** *a)* the coming of one thing after another; succession *b)* the order in which this occurs **2** a series **3** a resulting event **4** *Film* a succession of scenes forming a single episode

se·quen·tial (si kwen′shəl) ***adj.*** of or occurring in a sequence **—se·quen′tial·ly** ***adv.***

se·ques·ter (si kwes′tər) ***vt.*** [< L *sequester*, trustee] **1** to set off or apart **2** to withdraw; isolate **—se·ques·tra·tion** (sē′kwə strā′shən) ***n.***

se·quin (sē′kwin) ***n.*** [Fr; ult. < Ar *sikka*, a stamp, die] a spangle, esp. one of many sewn on fabric for decoration **—se′quined** or **se′quinned** ***adj.***

se·quoi·a (si kwoi′ə) ***n.*** [after *Sequoyah* (1760?-1843), Indian inventor of Cherokee writing system] REDWOOD (sense 1)

se·ra (sir′ə) ***n.*** *alt. pl. of* SERUM

se·ra·glio (si ral′yō) ***n.***, *pl.* **-glios** [< L *sera*, a lock] HAREM (sense 1)

se·ra·pe (sə rä′pē) ***n.*** [MexSp] a bright-colored wool blanket used as a garment by men in Mexico, etc.

ser·aph (ser′əf) ***n.***, *pl.* **-aphs** or **-a·phim′** (-ə fim′) [< Heb *serafim*, pl.] *Theol.* a heavenly being, or any of the highest order of angels **—se·raph·ic** (sə raf′ik) ***adj.*** **—se·raph′i·cal·ly** ***adv.***

Serb (sʉrb) ***n.*** a person born or living in Serbia; esp., a member of a Slavic people of Serbia and adjacent areas —***adj.*** SERBIAN

Ser·bi·a (sʉr′bē ə) the major constituent republic of Yugoslavia —**Ser′bi·an** ***adj.***, ***n.***

Ser·bo-Cro·a·tian (sʉr′bō krō ā′shən) ***n.*** the major Slavic language of Yugoslavia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Croatia

ser·e·nade (ser′ə nād′) ***n.*** [ult. < L *serenus*, clear] **1** music played or sung at night, esp. by a lover **2** a piece of music like this —***vt.***, ***vi.*** **-nad′ed**, **-nad′ing** to play or sing a serenade (to)

ser·en·dip·i·ty (ser′ən dip′ə tē) ***n.*** [after Pers tale *The Three Princes of Serendip* (Sri Lanka)] a seeming gift for finding good things accidentally —**ser′en·dip′i·tous** ***adj.***

se·rene (sə rēn′) ***adj.*** [L *serenus*] **1** clear; unclouded **2** undisturbed; calm —**se·rene′ly** ***adv.*** —**se·ren′i·ty** (-ren′ə tē) or **se·rene′ness** ***n.***

serf (sʉrf) ***n.*** [< L *servus*, a slave] a person in feudal servitude, bound to a master's land and transferred with it to a new owner —**serf′dom** ***n.***

serge (sʉrj) ***n.*** [< L *sericus*, silken] a strong twilled fabric

ser·geant (sär′jənt) ***n.*** [< L *servire*, serve] **1** a noncommissioned officer ranking above a corporal **2** a police officer ranking next below a captain or a lieutenant

ser′geant-at-arms′ ***n.***, *pl.* **ser′geants-at-arms′** an officer appointed to keep order, as in a court

sergeant major *pl.* **sergeants major** the highest ranking noncommissioned officer

se·ri·al (sir′ē əl) ***adj.*** [< L *series*, a row, order] appearing in a series of continuous parts at regular intervals —***n.*** a story, etc. presented in serial form —**se′ri·al·i·za′tion** ***n.*** —**se′ri·al·ize′**, **-ized′**, **-iz′ing**, ***vt.***

serial number one of a series of numbers given for identification

se·ries (sir′ēz) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ries** [L < *serere*, join together] a number of similar things or persons arranged in a row or coming one after another

se·ri·ous (sir′ē əs) ***adj.*** [< L *serius*] **1** earnest, grave, sober, etc. **2** not joking; sincere **3** requiring careful consideration **4** weighty **5** dangerous —**se′ri·ous·ly** ***adv.*** —**se′ri·ous·ness** ***n.***

ser·mon (sʉr′mən) ***n.*** [< L *sermo*, a discourse] **1** a speech on religion or morals, esp. by a member of the clergy **2** any serious talk on behavior, duty, etc., esp. a tedious one —**ser′mon·ize′**, **-ized′**, **-iz′ing**, ***vi.***

se·rous (sir′əs) ***adj.*** **1** of or containing serum **2** thin and watery

ser·pent (sʉr′pənt) ***n.*** [< L *serpere*, to creep] a snake

ser′pen·tine′ (-pən tēn′, -tīn′) ***adj.*** of or like a serpent; esp., *a*) cunning; treacherous *b*) coiled; winding

ser·rate (ser′āt′) ***adj.*** [< L *serra*, a saw] having sawlike notches along the edge: said of some leaves: also **ser′rat′ed** —**ser·ra′tion** ***n.***

ser·ried (ser′ēd) ***adj.*** [< LL *serare*, to lock] placed close together

se·rum (sir′əm) ***n.***, *pl.* **-rums** or **-ra** (-ə) [L, whey] **1** a clear, watery animal fluid, as the yellowish fluid (**blood serum**) separating from a blood clot after coagulation **2** blood serum used as an antitoxin, taken from an animal inoculated for a specific disease

serv·ant (sʉr′vənt) ***n.*** [ult. < L *servire*, serve] **1** a person employed by another, esp. to do household duties **2** a person devoted to another or to a cause, creed, etc.

serve (sʉrv) ***vt.*** **served**, **serv′ing** [< L *servus*, slave] **1** to work for as a servant **2** to do services for; aid; help **3** to do military or naval service for **4** to spend (a term of imprisonment, etc.) *[to serve* ten years*]* **5** to provide (customers, etc.) with goods or services **6** to set food, etc. before (a person) **7** to meet the needs of **8** to be used by *[this hospital serves* the whole city*]* **9** to function for *[if* memory *serves* me well*]* **10** to deliver (a summons, etc.) to (someone) **11** to hit (a tennis ball, etc.) in order to start play —***vi.*** **1** to work as a servant **2** to do service *[to serve* in the navy*]* **3** to carry out the duties of an office **4** to be of service **5** to meet needs **6** to provide guests with food or drink **7** to be favorable: said of weather, etc. —***n.*** a serving of the ball in tennis, etc. —**serve someone right** to be what someone deserves, for doing something wrong

serv′er ***n.*** **1** one who serves **2** a thing for serving, as a tray **3** *Comput.* the central computer in a network, on which shared files, etc. are stored

serv·ice (sʉr′vis) ***n.*** [< L *servus*, slave] **1** the occupation of a servant **2** *a*) public employment *[*diplomatic *service*] *b*) a branch of this; specif., the armed forces **3** work done for others *[*repair *service]* **4** any religious ceremony **5** *a*) benefit; advantage *b*) [*pl.*] friendly help; also, professional aid **6** the act or manner of serving food **7** a set of articles used in serving *[*a tea *service]* **8** a system of providing people with some utility, as water or gas **9** the act or manner of serving the ball in tennis, etc. —***vt.*** **-iced**, **-ic·ing** **1** to furnish with a service **2** to make fit for service, as by repairing —**at someone's service** **1** ready to serve someone **2** ready for someone's use —**in service** functioning —**of service** helpful

serv′ice·a·ble ***adj.*** **1** that can be of service; useful **2** that will give good service; durable

serv′ice·man′ (-man′, -mən) ***n.***, *pl.* **-men′** (-men′, -mən) **1** a member of the armed forces **2** a person whose work is repairing something *[*a TV *serviceman]*: also **service man**

service mark a word, etc. used like a trademark by a supplier of a service

service station a place selling gasoline, oil, etc., for motor vehicles

ser·vile (sʉr′vəl, -vīl′) ***adj.*** [< L *servus*,

slave] **1** of slaves **2** like that of slaves or servants **3** humbly submissive —**ser·vil·i·ty** (sər vil′ə tē) ***n.***

ser·vi·tude (sur′və to͞od′) ***n.*** [see SERF] **1** slavery or bondage **2** work imposed to punish a crime

ser·vo (sur′vō) ***n.***, *pl.* **-vos** *short for:* **1** SERVOMECHANISM **2** SERVOMOTOR

ser′vo·mech′a·nism ***n.*** an automatic control system of low power, used to exercise remote but accurate mechanical control

ser′vo·mo′tor ***n.*** a device, as an electric motor, for changing a small force into a large force, as in a servomechanism

ses·a·me (ses′ə mē′) ***n.*** [of Semitic origin] **1** a plant whose edible seeds yield an oil **2** its seeds

ses·qui·cen·ten·ni·al (ses′kwi sen ten′ē əl) ***adj.*** [< L *sesqui-*, more by a half + CENTENNIAL] of a period of 150 years —*n.* a 150th anniversary

ses·sion (sesh′ən) ***n.*** [< L *sedere*, sit] **1** *a)* the meeting of a court, legislature, etc. *b)* a series of such meetings *c)* the period of these **2** a school term **3** a period of activity of any kind

set (set) ***vt.*** **set, set′ting** [OE *settan*] **1** to cause to sit; seat **2** to put in a specified place, condition, etc. *[to set* books on a shelf, *set* slaves free*]* **3** to put in a proper condition; fix (a trap for animals), adjust (a clock or dial), arrange (a table for a meal), fix (hair) in a desired style, etc., put (a broken bone, etc.) into normal position, etc. **4** to make settled, rigid, or fixed *[*pectin *sets* jelly*]* **5** to mount (gems) **6** to direct; point **7** to appoint; establish; fix (boundaries, the time for an event, a rule, a quota, etc.) **8** to furnish (an example) for others **9** to fit (words *to* music or music *to* words) **10** to arrange (type) for printing —***vi.*** **1** to sit on eggs: said of a fowl **2** to become firm, hard, or fixed *[*this cement *sets* quickly*]* **3** to begin to move (*out, forth, off*, etc.) **4** to sink below the horizon *[*the sun *sets]* —***adj.*** **1** fixed; established *[*a *set* time*]* **2** intentional **3** fixed; rigid; firm **4** obstinate **5** ready *[*get *set]* —***n.*** **1** a setting or being set **2** the way or position in which a thing is set *[*the *set* of his jaw*]* **3** direction; tendency **4** the scenery for a play, etc. **5** a group of persons or things classed or belonging together **6** assembled equipment for radio or TV reception, etc. **7** *Tennis* a group of six or more games won by a margin of at least two —**set about** (or **in** or **to**) to begin —**set down** **1** to put in writing **2** to establish (rules, etc.) —**set forth** **1** to publish **2** to state —**set off** **1** to make prominent or enhance by contrast **2** to make explode —**set on** (or **upon**) to attack —**set up** **1** to erect **2** to establish; found

set′back′ ***n.*** a reversal in progress

set′screw′ ***n.*** a screw used in regulating the tension of a spring, etc.

set·tee (se tē′) ***n.*** **1** a seat or bench with a back **2** a small sofa

set′ter ***n.*** a long-haired dog trained to hunt

set′ting ***n.*** **1** the act of one that sets **2** the position of a dial, etc. that has been set **3** a mounting, as of a gem **4** the time, place, etc., as of a story **5** actual physical surroundings

set·tle (set′′l) ***vt.*** **-tled, -tling** [< OE *setl*, a seat] **1** to put in order; arrange *[*to *settle* one's affairs*]* **2** to set in place firmly or comfortably **3** to colonize **4** to cause to sink and become more compact **5** to free (the nerves, etc.) from disturbance **6** to decide (doubt) **7** to end (a dispute) **8** to pay (a debt, etc.) —***vi.*** **1** to stop moving and stay in one place **2** to descend, as fog does over a landscape, or gloom over a person **3** to become localized: said as of pain **4** to take up permanent residence **5** to sink *[*the house *settled]* **6** to become more dense by sinking, as sediment does **7** to become more stable **8** to reach an agreement or decision (*with* or *on*) —**set′tler** ***n.***

set′tle·ment ***n.*** **1** a settling or being settled **2** a new colony **3** a village **4** an agreement

set′-to′ ***n.***, *pl.* **-tos′** [Inf.] **1** a fight **2** an argument

set′up′ ***n.*** **1** *a)* the plan, makeup, or arrangement of equipment, an organization, etc. *b)* the details of a situation, plan, etc. **2** [Inf.] a contest, etc. arranged to result in an easy victory

sev·en (sev′ən) ***adj.***, ***n.*** [OE *seofon*] one more than six; 7; VII —**sev′enth** ***adj.***, ***n.***

sev′en·teen′ (-tēn′) ***adj.***, ***n.*** seven more than ten; 17; XVII —**sev′en·teenth′** (-tēnth′) ***adj.***, ***n.***

seventeen-year locust a cicada which lives underground for 13-17 years before emerging as an adult

seventh heaven perfect happiness

sev·en·ty (sev′ən tē) ***adj.***, ***n.***, *pl.* **-ties** seven times ten; 70; LXX —**the seventies** the years, from 70 through 79, as of a century —**sev′en·ti·eth** (-ith) ***adj.***, ***n.***

sev·er (sev′ər) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** [ult. < L *separare*] to separate, divide, or divide off —**sev′er·ance** ***n.***

sev·er·al (sev′ər əl) ***adj.*** [ult. < L *separ*] **1** separate; distinct **2** different; respective **3** more than two but not many; few —***pl.n.*** a small number (*of*) —***pron.*** [*with pl. v.*] a few —**sev′er·al·ly** ***adv.***

se·vere (sə vir′) ***adj.*** **-ver′er, -ver′est** [< L *severus*] **1** harsh or strict, as in treatment **2** serious or grave, as in expression **3** rigidly accurate or demanding **4** extremely plain *[*a dress with *severe* lines*]* **5** intense *[severe* pain*]* **6** rigorous; trying —**se·vere′ly** ***adv.*** —**se·vere′ness** or **se·ver′i·ty** (-ver′ə tē) ***n.***

Se·ville (sə vil′) city in SW Spain: pop. 720,000

Sè·vres (sev′rə; *Fr* se′vr′) ***n.*** [after *Sèvres*, SW suburb of Paris, where made] a type of fine French porcelain

sew (sō) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** **sewed, sewn** (sōn) or **sewed, sew′ing** [OE *siwian*] **1** to fasten with stitches made with needle and thread **2** to make, mend, etc. by sewing —**sew up** **1** [Inf.] to get full control of **2** to make sure of success in —**sew′er** ***n.***

sew·age (so͞o′ij) ***n.*** the waste matter carried off by sewers or drains

sew·er (sōō′ər) *n.* [ult. < L *ex*, out + *aqua*, water] a pipe or drain, usually underground, used to carry off water and waste matter

sew′er·age *n.* **1** a system of sewers **2** SEWAGE

sew′ing *n.* **1** the act of one who sews **2** something to be sewn

sewing machine a machine with a mechanically driven needle used for sewing

sex (seks) *n.* [< L *sexus*] **1** either of two divisions, male or female, into which persons, animals, or plants are divided **2** the character of being male or female **3** the attraction between the sexes **4** sexual intercourse —*adj.* SEXUAL

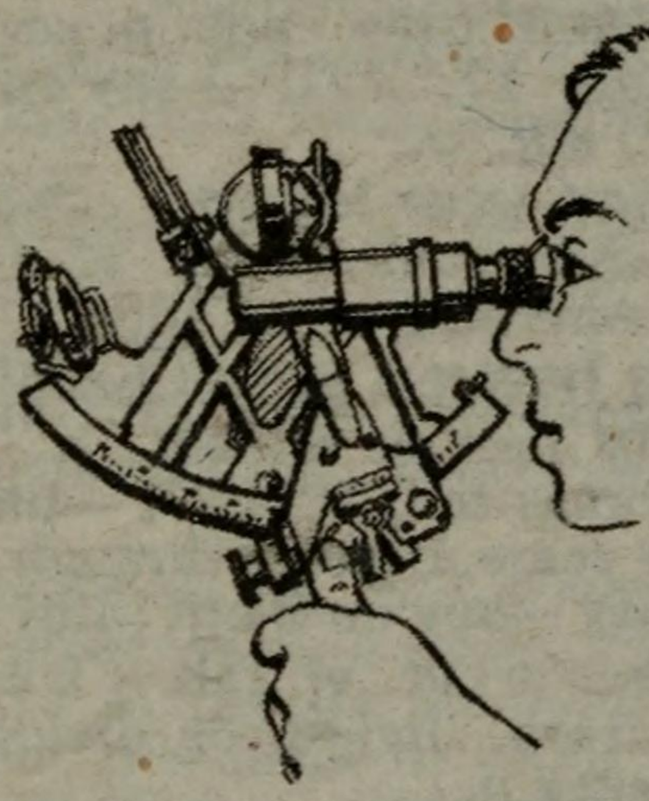
sex- [< L *sex*, six] *combining form* six

sex·a·ge·nar·i·an (sek′sə ji ner′ē ən) *n.* [< L] a person between the ages of 60 and 70

sex appeal the physical charm that attracts members of the opposite sex

sex chromosome a sex-determining chromosome in the germ cells: eggs carry an X chromosome and spermatozoa either an X or a Y chromosome, with a female resulting from an XX pairing and a male from an XY

sex′ism′ *n.* discrimination against people, esp. women, on the basis of sex —**sex′ist** *adj., n.*



SEXTANT

sex·tant (seks′tənt) *n.* [< L *sextans*, a sixth part (of a circle)] an instrument for measuring the angular distance of the sun, a star, etc. from the horizon, as to determine position at sea

sex·tet or **sex·tette** (seks tet′) *n.* [ult. < L *sex*, six] **1** a group of six **2** *Music* a composition for six voices or instruments, or its six performers

sex·ton (seks′tən) *n.* [ult. < L *sacer*, sacred] a church official who maintains church property

sex·u·al (sek′shōō əl) *adj.* of or involving sex, the sexes, the sex organs, etc. —**sex′u·al·ly** *adv.* —**sex′u·al′i·ty** (-al′ə tē) *n.*

sexual harassment inappropriate, unwelcome behavior by an employer or colleague that is sexual in nature

sexual intercourse a joining of the sexual organs of a male and a female human being

sex′y *adj.* **-i·er, -i·est** **1** [Inf.] exciting or intended to excite sexual desire **2** [Slang] exciting, glamorous, etc. —**sex′i·ly** *adv.* —**sex′i·ness** *n.*

Sey·chelles (sā shel′, -shelz′) country on a group of islands in the Indian Ocean, northeast of Madagascar: 175 sq. mi.; pop. 67,000

sf or **SF** *abbrev.* science fiction

Sgt *abbrev.* Sergeant

sh (sh) *interj.* used to ask for silence

shab·by (shab′ē) *adj.* **-bi·er, -bi·est** [OE *sceabb*, scab] **1** rundown; dilapidated **2** *a*) ragged; worn *b*) wearing worn clothing **3** mean; shameful *[shabby* treatment*]* —**shab′bi·ly** *adv.* —**shab′bi·ness** *n.*

shack (shak) *n.* [< ?] a small, crudely built house or cabin; shanty

shack·le (shak′əl) *n.* [OE *sceacel*] **1** a metal fastening, usually in pairs, for the wrist or ankle of a prisoner; fetter **2** anything that restrains freedom, as of expression **3** a device for fastening or coupling —*vt.* **-led, -ling** **1** to put shackles on **2** to restrain in freedom of expression or action

shad (shad) *n., pl.* **shad** or **shads** [OE *sceadd*] an American coastal food fish

shade (shād) *n.* [OE *sceadu*] **1** comparative darkness caused by an object cutting off rays of light **2** an area with less light than its surroundings **3** degree of darkness of a color *[shades* of blue*]* **4** *a*) a small difference *[shades* of opinion*] b*) a slight amount or degree **5** [Chiefly Literary] a ghost **6** a device used to screen from light *[*a window *shade]* **7** [*pl.*] [Slang] sunglasses —*vt.* **shad′ed, shad′ing** **1** to screen from light **2** to darken; dim **3** to represent shade in (a painting, etc.) —*vi.* to change slightly or by degrees —**shades of** *exclamation used to refer to* a reminder of the past

shad′ing *n.* **1** a shielding against light **2** shade in a picture **3** a small variation

shad·ow (shad′ō) *n.* [< OE *sceadu*, shade] **1** (a) shade cast by a body intercepting light rays **2** gloom or that which causes gloom **3** a shaded area in a picture **4** a ghost **5** a remnant; trace —*vt.* **1** to throw a shadow upon **2** to follow closely, esp. in secret —**shad′ow·y** *adj.*

shad′ow·box′ *vi. Boxing* to spar with an imaginary opponent in training

shad·y (shā′dē) *adj.* **-i·er, -i·est** **1** giving shade **2** shaded; full of shade **3** [Inf.] of questionable character —**on the shady side of** beyond (a given age) —**shad′i·ness** *n.*

shaft (shaft) *n.* [OE *sceaft*] **1** an arrow or spear, or its stem **2** anything hurled like a missile *[shafts* of wit*]* **3** a long, slender part or object, as a pillar, a bar transmitting motion to a mechanical part, or either of the poles between which an animal is harnessed to a vehicle **4** a long, narrow passage sunk into the earth **5** a vertical opening passing through a building, as for an elevator —*vt.* [Slang] to cheat, trick, exploit, etc.

shag[1] (shag) *n.* [< OE *sceacga*, rough hair] a rough, heavy nap, as on some cloth

shag[2] (shag) ***vt.*** **shagged**, **shag'ging** to chase after and retrieve (baseballs hit in batting practice)

shag'gy ***adj.*** **-gi·er**, **-gi·est** **1** covered with long, coarse hair or wool **2** unkempt, straggly, etc. **3** having a rough nap

shah (shä) ***n.*** ⟦Pers *šāh*⟧ the title of any of the former rulers of Iran

shake (shāk) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** **shook**, **shak'en**, **shak'ing** ⟦OE *sceacan*⟧ **1** to move quickly up and down, back and forth, etc. **2** to bring, force, mix, etc. by brisk movements **3** to tremble or cause to tremble **4** *a*) to become or cause to become unsteady *b*) to unnerve or become unnerved **5** to clasp (another's hand), as in greeting —***n.*** **1** an act of shaking **2** a wood shingle **3** *short for* MILKSHAKE **4** [*pl.*] [Inf.] a convulsive trembling: usually with *the* —**no great shakes** [Inf.] not outstanding —**shake down** **1** to cause to fall by shaking **2** [Slang] to extort money from —**shake off** to get rid of

shake'down' ***n.*** **1** [Slang] an extortion of money, as by blackmail **2** a thorough search —***adj.*** for testing new equipment, etc. *[a shakedown cruise]*

shake'out' ***n.*** a drop in economic activity that eliminates unprofitable businesses, etc.

shak'er ***n.*** **1** one that shakes **2** a device used in shaking **3** [**S-**] a member of a religious sect that lived in celibate communities in the U.S.

Shake·speare (shāk'spir), **William** 1564-1616; Eng. poet & dramatist — **Shake·spear'e·an** or **Shake·spear'i·an** ***adj.***, ***n.***

shake'-up' ***n.*** a shaking up; specif., an extensive reorganization

shak'y ***adj.*** **-i·er**, **-i·est** **1** not firm; weak or unsteady **2** *a*) trembling *b*) nervous **3** not reliable; questionable —**shak'i·ness** ***n.***

shale (shāl) ***n.*** ⟦< OE *scealu*, shell⟧ a rock formed of hard clay: it splits easily into thin layers

shale oil oil distilled from a hard shale containing veins of a greasy organic solid

shall (shal) ***v.aux.*** *pt.* **should** ⟦OE *sceal*⟧ **1** used in the first person to indicate simple future time **2** used in the second or third person, esp. in formal speech or writing, to express determination, compulsion, obligation, or necessity See usage note at WILL[2]

shal·lot (shə lät', shal'ət) ***n.*** ⟦< OFr *eschaloigne*, scallion⟧ **1** a small onion whose clustered bulbs are used for flavoring **2** GREEN ONION

shal·low (shal'ō) ***adj.*** ⟦ME *shalow*⟧ **1** not deep **2** lacking depth of character, intellect, etc. —***n.*** [*usually pl., often with sing. v.*] SHOAL[2] (sense 1)

shalt (shalt) ***v.aux.*** *archaic 2d pers. sing., pres. indic., of* SHALL: used with *thou*

sham (sham) ***n.*** ⟦< ? shame⟧ something false or fake; person or thing that is a fraud —***adj.*** false or fake —***vt.***, ***vi.*** **shammed**, **sham'ming** to pretend; feign

sham·ble (sham'bəl) ***vi.*** **-bled**, **-bling** ⟦< obs. use in *shamble legs*, bench legs⟧ to walk clumsily; shuffle —***n.*** a shambling walk

sham'bles ***n.*** ⟦ME *schamel*, butcher's bench; ult. < L⟧ **1** a slaughterhouse **2** a scene of great slaughter, destruction, or disorder

shame (shām) ***n.*** ⟦OE *scamu*⟧ **1** a painful feeling of guilt for improper behavior, etc. **2** dishonor or disgrace **3** something regrettable or outrageous —***vt.*** **shamed**, **sham'ing** **1** to cause to feel shame **2** to dishonor or disgrace **3** to force by a sense of shame —**put to shame** **1** to cause to feel shame **2** to surpass; outdo —**shame'ful** ***adj.*** — **shame'ful·ly** ***adv.*** —**shame'ful·ness** ***n.***

shame'faced' ***adj.*** showing shame; ashamed

shame'less ***adj.*** having or showing no shame, modesty, or decency; brazen — **shame'less·ly** ***adv.***

sham·poo (sham pōō') ***vt.*** **-pooed'**, **-poo'ing** ⟦Hindi *chāmpnā*, to press⟧ **1** to wash (the hair) **2** to wash (a rug, sofa, etc.) —***n.*** **1** a shampooing **2** a liquid soap, etc. used for this

sham·rock (sham'räk') ***n.*** ⟦Ir *seamar*, clover⟧ a plant, esp. a clover, with leaflets in groups of three: the emblem of Ireland

shang·hai (shaŋ'hī') ***vt.*** ⟦< such kidnapping for crews on the China run⟧ to kidnap, usually by drugging, for service aboard ship

Shang·hai (shaŋ'hī') seaport in E China: pop. 6,293,000

shank (shaŋk) ***n.*** ⟦OE *scanca*⟧ **1** the part of the leg between the knee and ankle in humans, or a corresponding part in animals **2** the whole leg **3** the part between the handle and the working part of a tool, etc. —**shank of the evening** early evening

shan't (shant) *contr.* shall not

Shan·tung (shan'tuŋ') ***n.*** ⟦< Chin province⟧ [*sometimes* **s-**] a silk or silky fabric with an uneven surface

shan·ty (shan'tē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ties** ⟦< CdnFr *chantier*, workshop⟧ a small, shabby dwelling; shack; hut

shape (shāp) ***n.*** ⟦< OE (*ge*)*sceap*, a form⟧ **1** that quality of a thing which depends on the relative position of all the points on its surface; physical form **2** the contour of the body **3** definite or regular form *[to begin to take shape]* **4** good physical condition —***vt.*** **shaped**, **shap'ing** **1** to give definite shape to **2** to arrange, express, etc. (a plan, etc.) in definite form **3** to adapt *[shaped* to our needs*]* —**shape up** [Inf.] **1** to develop to a definite form, satisfactorily, etc. **2** to behave as required —**take shape** to begin to have definite form —**shape'less** ***adj.*** —**shape'less·ness** ***n.***

shape'ly ***adj.*** **-li·er**, **-li·est** having a pleasing figure: used esp. of a woman

shard (shärd) ***n.*** ⟦OE *sceard*⟧ a broken piece, esp. of pottery

share[1] (sher) ***n.*** ⟦OE *scearu*⟧ **1** a portion that belongs to an individual **2** any of the equal parts of capital stock of a cor-

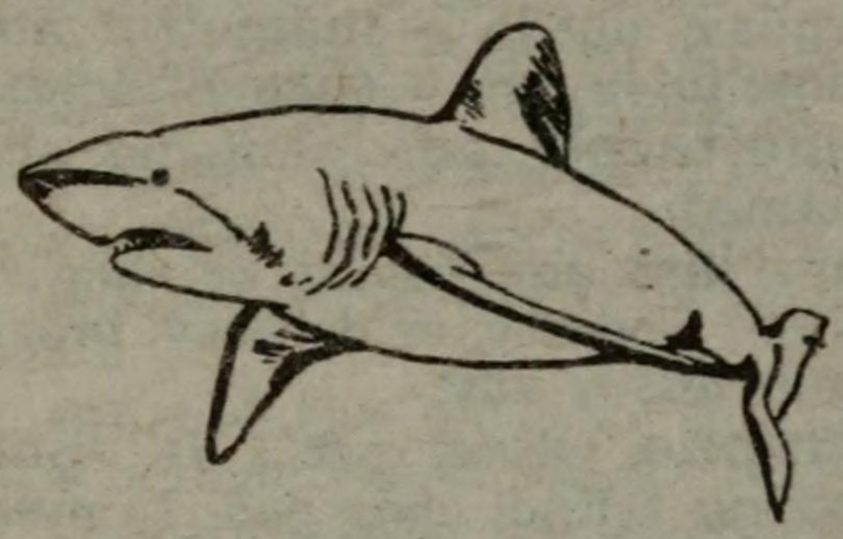
poration —*vt.* **shared, shar'ing** **1** to distribute in shares **2** to receive, use, etc. in common with others —*vi.* to have a share (*in*)

share[2] (sher) *n.* ‖OE *scear*‖ a plowshare

share'crop' *vi., vt.* **-cropped', -crop'ping** to work (land) for a share of the crop, esp. as a tenant farmer —**share'crop'per** *n.*

share'hold'er *n.* a person who owns shares of stock in a corporation

shark[1] (shärk) *n.* ‖prob. < Ger *schurke*, scoundrel‖ **1** a swindler **2** [Slang] an expert in an activity



WHITE SHARK

shark[2] (shärk) *n.* ‖< ?‖ a large, predatory sea fish with a tough, gray skin

shark'skin' *n.* a smooth, silky cloth of cotton, wool, rayon, etc.

sharp (shärp) *adj.* ‖OE *scearp*‖ **1** having a fine edge or point for cutting or piercing **2** having a point or edge; not rounded **3** not gradual; abrupt **4** clearly defined; distinct *[a sharp contrast]* **5** quick in perception; clever **6** attentive; vigilant **7** crafty; underhanded **8** harsh; severe *[a sharp temper]* **9** violent *[a sharp attack]* **10** brisk; active **11** intense *[a sharp pain]* **12** pungent **13** nippy *[a sharp wind]* **14** [Slang] stylishly dressed **15** *Music* above the true pitch —*adv.* **1** in a sharp manner; specif., *a*) abruptly or briskly *b*) attentively or alertly *c*) *Music* above the true pitch **2** precisely *[one o'clock sharp]* —*n.* **1** [Inf.] an expert or adept **2** *Music* *a*) a tone one half step above another *b*) the symbol (♯) for such a note —*vt., vi. Music* to make, sing, or play sharp —**sharp'ly** *adv.* —**sharp'ness** *n.*

sharp'en *vt., vi.* to make or become sharp or sharper —**sharp'en·er** *n.*

sharp'er *n.* a swindler or cheat

sharp'-eyed' *adj.* having keen sight or perception: also **sharp'-sight'ed** *adj.*

sharp·ie (shär'pē) *n.* [Inf.] a shrewd, cunning person, esp. a sharper

sharp'shoot'er *n.* a good marksman

sharp'-tongued' *adj.* using sharp or harshly critical language

sharp'-wit'ted (-wit'id) *adj.* thinking quickly and effectively

shat·ter (shat'ər) *vt.* ‖ME *schateren*, scatter‖ **1** to break or burst into pieces suddenly, as with a blow **2** to damage or be damaged severely

shat'ter·proof' *adj.* that will resist shattering

shave (shāv) *vt.* **shaved, shaved** or **shav'en, shav'ing** ‖OE *sceafan*‖ **1** to cut away thin slices or sections from **2** *a*) to cut off (hair) at the surface of the skin *b*) to cut the hair to the surface of (the face, etc.) *c*) to cut the beard of (a person) **3** to barely touch in passing; graze —*vi.* to cut off a beard with a razor, etc. —*n.* the act or an instance of shaving

shav'er *n.* **1** a person who shaves **2** an instrument used in shaving, esp. one with electrically operated cutters **3** [Inf.] a boy; lad

shav'ing *n.* **1** the act of one who shaves **2** a thin piece of wood, metal, etc. shaved off

Shaw (shô), **George Ber·nard** (bər närd', bur'nərd) 1856-1950; Brit. dramatist & critic, born in Ireland —**Sha·vi·an** (shā' vē ən) *adj., n.*

shawl (shôl) *n.* ‖prob. < Pers *shāl*‖ a cloth worn as a covering for the head or shoulders

shay (shā) *n.* ‖< CHAISE, assumed as pl.‖ [Dial.] a light carriage; chaise

she (shē) *pron., pl. see* THEY ‖< OE *seo*‖ the woman, girl, or female animal previously mentioned —*n., pl.* **shes** a female

sheaf (shēf) *n., pl.* **sheaves** ‖OE *sceaf*‖ **1** a bundle of cut stalks of grain, etc. **2** a collection, as of papers, bound in a bundle

shear (shir) *vt.* **sheared, sheared** or **shorn, shear'ing** ‖OE *scieran*‖ **1** to cut with or as with shears **2** to clip (hair) from (the head), (wool) from (sheep), etc. **3** to divest (someone) *of* a power, etc. —*n.* a shearing —**shear'er** *n.*

shears *pl.n.* **1** a large pair of scissors **2** a large cutting tool or machine with opposed blades



SHEATH

sheath (shēth) *n., pl.* **sheaths** (shēthz, shēths) ‖OE *sceath*‖ **1** a case for the blade of a knife, sword, etc. **2** a covering resembling this, as the membrane around a muscle **3** a woman's closefitting dress

sheathe (shēth) *vt.* **sheathed, sheath'ing** **1** to put into a sheath **2** to enclose in a case or covering

sheath·ing (shē'thiŋ) *n.* something that sheathes, as boards, etc. forming the base for roofing or siding

she·bang (shə·baŋ') *n.* [Inf.] an affair, business, contrivance, etc.: chiefly in **the whole shebang**

shed[1] (shed) *n.* ‖OE *scead*‖ a small structure for shelter or storage

shed[2] (shed) *vt.* **shed, shed'ding** ‖< OE *sceadan*, to separate‖ **1** to pour out; emit **2** to cause to flow *[to shed tears]* **3** to cause to flow off *[oilskin sheds water]* **4** to cast off or lose (a natural growth, as hair, etc.) **5** to get rid of (something unwanted) *[to shed a few*

pounds] —*vi.* to shed hair, etc. —**shed blood** to kill violently

sheen (shēn) *n.* [< OE *sciene*, beautiful] brightness; luster

sheep (shēp) *n.*, *pl.* **sheep** [< OE *sceap*] **1** a cud-chewing mammal with heavy wool and edible flesh called *mutton;* closely related to goats, antelope, etc. **2** one who is meek, timid, etc.

sheep'dog' *n.* a dog trained to herd sheep

sheep'fold' *n.* a pen or enclosure for sheep: also, chiefly Brit., **sheep'cote'** (-kōt') *n.*

sheep'herd'er *n.* a person who herds or takes care of a flock of sheep

sheep'ish *adj.* **1** embarrassed or chagrined **2** shy or bashful —**sheep'ish·ly** *adv.* —**sheep'ish·ness** *n.*

sheep'skin' *n.* **1** the skin of a sheep **2** parchment or leather made from it **3** [Inf.] a diploma

sheer[1] (shir) *vi.*, *vt.* [var. of SHEAR] to turn aside or cause to turn aside from a course; swerve

sheer[2] (shir) *adj.* [< ON *skærr*, bright] **1** very thin; transparent: said of textiles **2** absolute; utter *[sheer* folly*]* **3** extremely steep **4** not mixed with anything; pure *[sheer* ice*]* —*adv.* very steeply

sheet[1] (shēt) *n.* [OE *sceat*] **1** a large piece of cotton, linen, etc., used on a bed **2** *a*) a single piece of paper *b*) [Inf.] a newspaper **3** a broad, continuous surface or expanse, as of flame or ice **4** a broad, thin piece of any material, as glass, plywood, or metal

sheet[2] (shēt) *n.* [short for OE *sceatline*] a rope for controlling the set of a sail

sheet'ing *n.* **1** cotton or linen material used for making sheets **2** material used to cover or line a surface *[*copper *sheeting]*

sheet lightning a sheetlike flash of light in the sky, caused by lightning reflected by thunderclouds

sheet metal metal rolled thin in the form of a sheet

sheet music music printed on unbound sheets of paper

sheik or **sheikh** (shēk, shāk) *n.* [Ar *shaikh*, lit., old man] the chief of an Arab family, tribe, or village

shek·el (shek'əl) *n.* [Heb < *shakal*, weigh] **1** a gold or silver coin of the ancient Hebrews **2** the monetary unit of Israel **3** [*pl.*] [Slang] money

shelf (shelf) *n.*, *pl.* **shelves** [prob. < MLowG *schelf*] **1** a thin, flat board fixed horizontally to a wall, used for holding things **2** something like a shelf; specif., *a*) a ledge *b*) a sandy reef —**on the shelf** out of use, activity, etc.

shelf life the length of time a packaged food, etc. can be stored without deteriorating

shell (shel) *n.* [OE *sciel*] **1** a hard outer covering, as of a turtle, egg, nut, etc. **2** something like a shell in being hollow, empty, a covering, etc. **3** a light, narrow racing boat rowed by a team **4** an explosive artillery projectile **5** a small-arms cartridge —*vt.* **1** to remove the shell or covering from *[*to *shell* peas*]* **2** to bombard with shells from a large gun —**shell out** [Inf.] to pay out (money)

shel·lac or **shel·lack** (shə lak') *n.* [< SHELL & LAC] a thin varnish containing lac and alcohol —*vt.* **-lacked'**, **-lack'ing** **1** to apply shellac to **2** [Slang] *a*) to beat *b*) to defeat decisively

-shelled (shēld) *combining form* having a (specified kind of) shell

Shel·ley (shel'ē) **1 Mary Woll·stone·craft** (wool'stən kraft') 1797-1851; Eng. novelist: second wife of Percy **2 Per·cy Bysshe** (pur'sē bish) 1792-1822; Eng. poet

shell'fire' *n.* the firing of artillery shells

shell'fish' *n.*, *pl.* **-fish'** or (for different species) **-fish'es** any aquatic animal with a shell, esp. an edible one, as the clam or lobster

shel·ter (shel'tər) *n.* [< ? OE *scield*, shield + *truma*, a troop] **1** something that protects, as from the elements, danger, etc. **2** a being covered, protected, etc.; protection **3** a place that provides food and lodging on a temporary basis —*vt.* to provide shelter for; protect —*vi.* to find shelter

shelve (shelv) *vt.* **shelved**, **shelv'ing** **1** to equip with shelves **2** to put on a shelf **3** to put aside; defer

shelves (shelvz) *n. pl. of* SHELF

shelv·ing (shel'viŋ) *n.* **1** material for shelves **2** shelves collectively

she·nan·i·gan (shi nan'i gən) *n.* [altered < ? Ir *sionnachuighim*, I play the fox] [Inf.] a deceitful or mischievous trick: *usually used in pl.*

shep·herd (shep'ərd) *n.* [see SHEEP & HERD] **1** one who herds sheep **2** a religious leader **3** GERMAN SHEPHERD —*vt.* to herd, lead, etc. as a shepherd —**shep'herd·ess** *fem.n.*

sher·bet (shur'bət) *n.* [< Ar *sharba(t)*, a drink] a frozen dessert like an ice but with gelatin and, often, milk added: also, erroneously, **sher'bert** (-bərt)

sher·iff (sher'if) *n.* [< OE *scir*, shire + *gerefa*, chief officer] the chief law-enforcement officer of a county

Sher·pa (shur'pə, sher'-) *n. pl.* **-pas** or **-pa** a member of a Tibetan people of Nepal, famous as mountain climbers

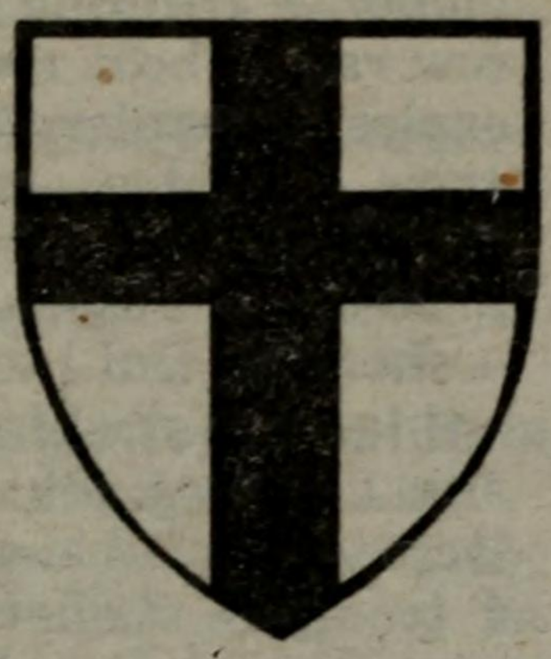
sher·ry (sher'ē) *n.*, *pl.* **-ries** [after *Jerez*, Spain] **1** a yellow or brown Spanish fortified wine **2** any similar wine

shib·bo·leth (shib'ə leth', -ləth) *n.* [< Heb *shibolet*, a stream] **1** *Bible* the test word used to distinguish the enemy: Judg. 12:4-6 **2** any phrase, custom, etc. peculiar to a certain party, class, etc.

shied (shīd) *vi.*, *vt. pt. & pp. of* SHY[1], SHY[2]

shield (shēld) *n.* [OE *scield*] **1** a flat

piece of metal, etc. worn on the forearm to ward off blows, etc. **2** one that guards, protects, etc. **3** anything shaped like a triangular shield with two curved sides —***vt.***, ***vi.*** to defend; protect



SHIELD

shift (shift) ***vt.*** ‖OE *sciftan*, to divide‖ **1** to move from one person or place to another **2** to replace by another or others **3** to change the arrangement of (gears) —***vi.*** **1** to change position, direction, etc. **2** to get along; manage *[to shift for oneself]* —***n.*** **1** a shifting; transfer **2** a plan of conduct, esp. for an emergency **3** an evasion; trick **4** a gearshift **5** *a*) a group of people working in relay with another *b*) their regular work period

shift'less ***adj.*** incapable, inefficient, lazy, etc. —**shift'less·ness** ***n.***

shift'y ***adj.*** **-i·er, -i·est** of a tricky or deceitful nature; evasive —**shift'i·ly** ***adv.*** —**shift'i·ness** ***n.***

Shih Tzu (shēd'zo͞o', shēt'so͞o') *pl.* **Shih Tzus** or **Shih Tzu** ‖Mandarin *shihtzu*, lion‖ a small dog with long, silky hair and short legs

shii·ta·ke (shē tä'kē) ***n.*** ‖Jpn‖ an edible Japanese mushroom

shill (shil) [Slang] ***n.*** a confederate of a gambler, auctioneer, etc. who pretends to bet, bid, etc. so as to lure others —***vi.*** to act as a shill

shil·le·lagh or **shil·la·lah** (shi lā'lē, -lə) ***n.*** ‖after *Shillelagh*, Ir village‖ a club or cudgel: used chiefly of or by the Irish

shil·ling (shil'iŋ) ***n.*** ‖OE *scylling*‖ **1** a former British monetary unit and coin, equal to $\frac{1}{20}$ of a pound **2** the basic monetary unit of various countries

shil·ly-shal·ly (shil'ē shal'ē) ***vi.*** **-lied, -ly·ing** ‖< *shall I*?‖ to vacillate, esp. over trifles

shim (shim) ***n.*** ‖< ?‖ a thin wedge of wood, metal, etc. used as for filling space

shim·mer (shim'ər) ***vi.*** ‖OE *scymrian*‖ to shine with an unsteady light; glimmer —***n.*** a shimmering light

shim·my (shim'ē) ***n.*** ‖< a jazz dance < CHEMISE‖ a marked vibration or wobble, as in a car's front wheels —***vi.*** **-mied, -my·ing** to vibrate or wobble

shin (shin) ***n.*** ‖OE *scinu*‖ the front part of the leg between the knee and the ankle —***vi.*** **shinned, shin'ning** to climb a pole, etc. by gripping with hands and legs: also **shin'ny**: with *up* or *down*

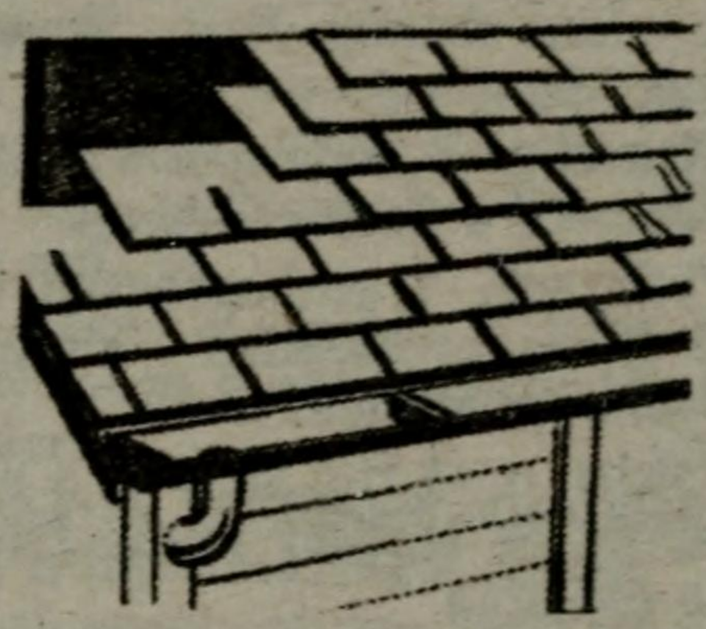
shin'bone' ***n.*** TIBIA

shin·dig (shin'dig') ***n.*** ‖< old informal *shindy*, commotion‖ [Inf.] a dance, party, or other informal gathering

shine (shīn) ***vi.*** **shone** or, esp. for *vt.* 2, **shined, shin'ing** ‖OE *scinan*‖ **1** to emit or reflect light **2** to stand out; excel **3** to exhibit itself clearly *[love shining from her face]* —***vt.*** **1** to direct the light of **2** to make shiny by polishing *[to shine shoes]* —***n.*** **1** brightness **2** luster; gloss **3** *short for* SHOESHINE

shin·er (shī'nər) ***n.*** [Slang] BLACK EYE

shin·gle (shiŋ'gəl) ***n.*** ‖OE *scindel*‖ **1** a thin, wedge-shaped piece of wood, slate, etc. laid with others in overlapping rows, as in covering roofs **2** a small signboard, as that of a doctor —***vt.*** **-gled, -gling** to cover (a roof, etc.) with shingles



SHINGLES

shin·gles (shiŋ'gəlz) ***n.*** ‖< L *cingere*, to gird‖ *nontechnical name for* HERPES ZOSTER

shin·guard (shin'gärd') ***n.*** a padded guard worn to protect the shins in some sports

shin'splints' ***pl.n.*** ‖< SHIN & *splint*, growth on bone of a horse's leg‖ [*with sing. or pl. v.*] painful strain of muscles of the lower leg

Shin·to (shin'tō) ***n.*** ‖Jpn < Chin *shen*, god + *tō*, *dō*, way‖ a religion of Japan, emphasizing ancestor worship —**Shin'to·ism'** ***n.***

shin·y (shī'nē) ***adj.*** **-i·er, -i·est** **1** bright; shining **2** highly polished —**shin'i·ness** ***n.***

ship (ship) ***n.*** ‖OE *scip*‖ **1** any large vessel for traveling on deep water **2** an aircraft —***vt.*** **shipped, ship'ping** **1** to put or take on board a ship **2** to send or transport by any carrier *[to ship coal by rail]* **3** to take in (water) over the side, as in a stormy sea **4** to put (an object) in place on a vessel **5** [Inf.] to send (*away*, *out*, etc.); get rid of —***vi.*** to go aboard, or travel by, ship —**ship'per** ***n.***

-ship (ship) ‖OE *-scipe*‖ *suffix* **1** the quality or state of being *[friendship]* **2** *a*) the rank or office of *[professorship]* *b*) one having the rank of *[lordship]* **3** skill as *[leadership]* **4** all persons (of a specified group) collectively *[readership]*

ship'board' ***n.*** used chiefly in **on shipboard**, aboard a ship

ship'build'er ***n.*** one whose business is building ships —**ship'build'ing** ***n.***

ship'mate' ***n.*** a fellow sailor on the same ship

ship'ment ***n.*** **1** the shipping of goods **2** goods shipped

ship of the line a warship of the largest class

ship'ping ***n.*** **1** the act or business of transporting goods **2** ships collectively, as of a nation or port

shipping clerk an employee who

prepares goods for shipment, and keeps records of shipments made

ship'shape' *adj.* having everything neatly in place; trim

ship'wreck' *n.* **1** the remains of a wrecked ship **2** the loss of a ship through storm, etc. **3** ruin; failure —*vt.* to cause to undergo shipwreck

ship'yard' *n.* a place where ships are built and repaired

shire (shīr) *n.* [OE *scir*, office] in England, a county

shirk (shurk) *vt.*, *vi.* [< ?] to neglect or evade (a duty, etc.) —**shirk'er** *n.*

shirr (shur) *vt.* [< ?] **1** to make shirring in (cloth) **2** to bake (eggs) in buttered dishes

shirr'ing *n.* a gathering made in cloth by drawing the material up on parallel rows of short stiches

shirt (shurt) *n.* [OE *scyrte*] **1** a garment worn on the upper part of the body, usually with a collar and a buttoned front **2** an undershirt —**keep one's shirt on** [Slang] to remain patient or calm

shirt'tail' *n.* the part of a shirt extending below the waist

shirt'waist' *n.* **1** [Archaic] a woman's blouse tailored like a shirt **2** a dress with a bodice like this: in full **shirtwaist dress**

shish ke·bab (shish' kə bäb') [< Ar *shīsh*, skewer + *kabāb*, kebab] a dish of kebabs, esp. lamb, stuck on a skewer, often with vegetables, and broiled

shiv (shiv) *n.* [prob. < Romany *chiv*, blade] [Slang] a knife

shiv·er[1] (shiv'ər) *n.* [ME *schievere*] a fragment —*vt.*, *vi.* to break into fragments; shatter

shiv·er[2] (shiv'ər) *vi.* [< ? OE *ceafl*, jaw] to shake or tremble, as from fear or cold —*n.* a shaking, trembling, etc. —**shiv'er·y** *adj.*

shlep or **shlepp** (shlep) *n.*, *vt.*, *vi.* **shlepped**, **shlep'ping** [Slang] *alt. sp. of* SCHLEP

shmaltz (shmôlts, shmälts) *n.* [Slang] *alt. sp. of* SCHMALTZ

shoal[1] (shōl) *n.* [OE *scolu*] a school of fish

shoal[2] (shōl) *n.* [< OE *sceald*, shallow] **1** a shallow place in a river, sea, etc. **2** a sandbar forming a shallow place

shoat (shōt) *n.* [ME *schote*] a young, weaned pig

shock[1] (shäk) *n.* [< MFr *choquer*, to collide] **1** a sudden, powerful blow, shake, etc. **2** *a*) a sudden emotional disturbance *b*) the cause of this **3** an extreme stimulation of the nerves by the passage of electric current through the body **4** [Inf.] *short for* SHOCK ABSORBER **5** a disorder of the blood circulation produced by hemorrhage, disturbance of heart function, etc. —*vt.* **1** to astonish, horrify, etc. **2** to produce electrical shock in —**shock'er** *n.*

shock[2] (shäk) *n.* [ME *schokke*] a number of grain sheaves stacked together



SHOCKS OF CORN

shock[3] (shäk) *n.* [< ? prec.] a thick, bushy mass of hair

shock absorber a device, as on a motor vehicle, that absorbs the force of bumps and jarring

shock'ing *adj.* **1** causing great surprise and distress **2** disgusting —**shock'ing·ly** *adv.*

shock'proof' *adj.* able to absorb shock without being damaged

shock therapy the treatment of certain mental disorders by using electricity or drugs to produce convulsions or coma

shock troops troops trained to lead an attack

shod (shäd) *vt. alt. pt. & pp. of* SHOE

shod·dy (shäd'ē) *n.*, *pl.* **-dies** [< ?] an inferior woolen cloth made from used fabrics —*adj.* **-di·er**, **-di·est** **1** made of inferior material **2** poorly done or made **3** contemptible; low —**shod'di·ly** *adv.* —**shod'di·ness** *n.*

shoe (shōō) *n.* [OE *sceoh*] **1** an outer covering for the foot **2** *short for* HORSESHOE **3** the part of a brake that presses against a wheel —*vt.* **shod** or **shoed**, **shoe'ing** to furnish with shoes —**fill someone's shoes** to take someone's place

shoe'horn' *n.* an implement used to help slip the heel of a foot into a shoe —*vt.* to force or squeeze into a narrow space

shoe'lace' *n.* a length of cord, etc. used for lacing and fastening a shoe

shoe'mak'er *n.* one whose business is making or repairing shoes

shoe'shine' *n.* the cleaning and polishing of a pair of shoes

shoe'string' *n.* **1** a shoelace **2** a small amount of capital *[a business started on a shoestring]* —*adj.* **1** like a shoestring; long and narrow **2** of or characterized by a small amount of money **3** at or near the ankles *[a shoestring catch]*

shoe tree a form made of wood, etc. inserted in a shoe to stretch it or preserve its shape

sho·gun (shō'gun') *n.* [< Chin *chiang-chun*] any of the hereditary governors of Japan who, until 1867, were absolute rulers —**sho'gun·ate** (-gə nit) *n.*

shone (shōn) *vi.*, *vt. alt. pt. & pp. of*

SHINE

shoo (sho͞o) ***interj.*** go away! get out! —***vt.*** **shooed, shoo′ing** to drive away, as by crying "shoo"

shoo′-in′ ***n.*** [Inf.] one expected to win easily in a race, etc.

shook (shook) ***vt., vi.*** *pt. and dial. pp. of* SHAKE —**shook up** [Inf.] upset; agitated

shoot (sho͞ot) ***vt.*** **shot, shoot′ing** ‖OE *sceotan*‖ **1** to move swiftly over, by, etc. *[to shoot* the rapids*]* **2** to streak or vary (*with* another color, etc.) **3** to thrust or put forth **4** to discharge or fire (a bullet, arrow, etc.) **5** to send forth swiftly or with force **6** to hit, wound, etc. with a bullet, arrow, etc. **7** to photograph **8** *Sports a*) to throw or drive (a ball, etc.) toward the objective *b*) to score (a goal, points, etc.) —***vi.*** **1** to move swiftly **2** to be felt suddenly, as pain **3** to grow rapidly **4** to jut out **5** to send forth a missile; discharge bullets, etc. **6** to use guns, etc. as in hunting —***n.*** **1** a shooting trip, contest, etc. **2** a new growth; sprout —**shoot at** (or **for**) [Inf.] to strive for —**shoot′er** ***n.***

shooting star METEOR (sense 1)

shoot′out′ or **shoot′-out′** ***n.*** **1** a battle with handguns, etc., as between police and criminals **2** *Sports* a procedure used to break a tie at the end of a game, esp. in soccer

shop (shäp) ***n.*** ‖OE *sceoppa*, booth‖ **1** a place where certain things are offered for sale; esp., a small store **2** a place where a particular kind of work is done —***vi.*** **shopped, shop′ping** to visit shops to examine or buy goods —**talk shop** to discuss one's work

shop′keep′er ***n.*** one who owns or operates a shop, or small store

shop′lift′ ***vt., vi.*** to steal (articles) from a store during shopping hours —**shop′lift′er** ***n.***

shoppe (shäp) ***n.*** *alt. sp. of* SHOP (*n.* 1): now used only in shop names

shop′per ***n.*** **1** one who shops **2** one hired by a store to shop for others **3** one hired by a store to compare competitors' prices, etc.

shopping center a complex of stores, restaurants, etc. with a common parking area

shop′talk′ ***n.*** **1** the specialized words and idioms of those in the same work **2** talk about work, esp. after hours

shop′worn′ ***adj.*** soiled, faded, etc. from having been displayed in a shop

shore[1] (shôr) ***n.*** ‖ME *schore*‖ land at the edge of a body of water

shore[2] (shôr) ***n.*** ‖ME *schore*‖ a prop, beam, etc. used for support, etc. —***vt.*** **shored, shor′ing** to support as with shores; prop (*up*)

shore′bird′ ***n.*** a bird that lives or feeds near the shore

shore′line′ ***n.*** the edge of a body of water

shore patrol a detail of the U.S. Navy, Coast Guard, or Marine Corps acting as military police on shore

shorn (shôrn) ***vt., vi.*** *alt. pp. of* SHEAR

short (shôrt) ***adj.*** ‖OE *scort*‖ **1** not measuring much from end to end in space or time **2** not great in range or scope **3** not tall **4** brief; concise **5** not retentive *[a short* memory*]* **6** curt; abrupt **7** less than a sufficient or correct amount **8** crisp or flaky, as pastry rich in shortening **9** designating a sale of securities, etc. which the seller does not yet own but expects to buy later at a lower price —***n.*** **1** something short **2** [*pl.*] *a*) short trousers *b*) a man's undergarment like these **3** *short for a*) SHORTSTOP *b*) SHORT CIRCUIT —***adv.*** **1** abruptly; suddenly **2** briefly; concisely **3** so as to be short in length **4** by surprise *[caught short]* —***vt., vi.*** **1** to give less than what is needed or usual **2** *short for a*) SHORTCHANGE *b*) SHORT-CIRCUIT —**in short** briefly —**run short** to have less than enough —**short of** **1** less than or lacking **2** without actually resorting to —**short′ness** ***n.***

short′age ***n.*** a deficiency in the amount needed or expected; deficit

short′bread′ ***n.*** a rich, crumbly cake or cookie made with much shortening

short′cake′ ***n.*** a light biscuit or a sweet cake served with fruit, etc.

short′change′ ***vt., vi.*** **-changed′, -chang′ing** [Inf.] **1** to give less money than is due in change **2** to cheat by depriving of something due

short circuit **1** a usually accidental connection between two points in an electric circuit, resulting in excessive current flow that causes damage **2** popularly, a disrupted electric circuit caused by this —**short′-cir′cuit** ***vt., vi.***

short′com′ing ***n.*** a defect or deficiency

short′cut′ ***n.*** **1** a shorter route **2** any way of saving time, effort, etc.

short′en ***vt., vi.*** to make or become short or shorter

short·en·ing (shôrt′′n iŋ, shôrt′niŋ) ***n.*** edible fat used to make pastry, etc. crisp or flaky

short′fall′ ***n.*** a falling short, or the amount of the shortage

short′hand′ ***n.*** any system of speed writing using symbols for words

short′-hand′ed ***adj.*** short of workers

short′-lived′ (-līvd′, -livd′) ***adj.*** having a short life span or existence

short′ly ***adv.*** **1** briefly **2** soon **3** abruptly and rudely; curtly

short order any food that can be cooked or served quickly when ordered

short′-range′ ***adj.*** reaching over a short distance or period of time

short ribs the rib ends from the front half of a side of beef

short shrift very little care or attention —**make short shrift of** to dispose of quickly and impatiently

short′sight′ed ***adj.*** **1** NEARSIGHTED **2** lacking in foresight —**short′sight′ed·ly** ***adv.*** —**short′sight′ed·ness** ***n.***

short′-spo′ken ***adj.*** using few words, esp. to the point of rudeness; curt

short′stop′ ***n.*** *Baseball* the infielder usually positioned to the left of second base

short story a piece of prose fiction

shorter than a short novel
short subject a short film, as that shown with a film feature
short′-tem′pered *adj.* easily or quickly angered
short′-term′ *adj.* for or extending over a short time
short ton 2,000 pounds: see TON
short′-waist′ed (-wās′tid) *adj.* unusually short between shoulders and waistline
short′wave′ *n.* **1** a radio wave 60 meters or less in length: shorter than the waves used in commercial broadcasting **2** a radio or radio band for broadcasting or receiving shortwaves: in full **shortwave radio**
short′-wind′ed (-win′did) *adj.* easily put out of breath by exertion
shot[1] (shät) *n.* [OE *sceot*] **1** the act of shooting **2** range; scope **3** an attempt or try **4** a pointed, critical remark **5** the path of an object thrown, etc. **6** *a*) a projectile for a gun *b*) projectiles collectively **7** small pellets of lead or steel for a shotgun **8** the heavy metal ball used in the shot put **9** a marksman **10** a photograph or a film sequence **11** a hypodermic injection **12** a drink of liquor —**call the shots** [Inf.] to direct or control what is done
shot[2] (shät) *vt.*, *vi. pt. & pp. of* SHOOT —*adj.* [Inf.] ruined or worn out
shot′gun′ *n.* **1** a gun for firing a charge of shot at short range **2** *Football* a formation in which the quarterback stands several yards behind the line of scrimmage to receive the ball
shot put a contest in which a heavy metal ball is propelled with an overhand thrust from the shoulder —**shot′-put′ter** *n.* —**shot′-put′ting** *n.*
should (shood) *v.aux.* [OE *sceolde*] **1** *pt. of* SHALL **2** used to express: *a*) obligation, duty, etc. *[*you *should* help*] b*) expectation or probability *[*he *should* be here soon*] c*) a future condition *[*if I *should* die tomorrow*]*
shoul·der (shōl′dər) *n.* [OE *sculdor*] **1** *a*) the joint connecting the arm or forelimb with the body *b*) the part of the body including this joint **2** [*pl.*] the two shoulders and the part of the back between them **3** a shoulderlike projection **4** the land along the edge of a paved road —*vt.* **1** to push along or through, as with the shoulder **2** to carry upon the shoulder **3** to assume the burden of —**straight from the shoulder** without reserve; frankly —**turn** (or **give**) **a cold shoulder to** to snub or shun
shoulder blade SCAPULA
shoulder harness an anchored strap passing across the chest, used with a seat belt, as in a car: also called **shoulder belt**
shout (shout) *n.* [ME *schoute*] a loud cry or call —*vt.*, *vi.* to utter or cry out in a shout —**shout′er** *n.*
shove (shuv) *vt.*, *vi.* **shoved**, **shov′ing** [OE *scufan*] **1** to push, as along a surface **2** to push roughly —*n.* a push —**shove off** **1** to push (a boat) away from shore **2** [Inf.] to leave
shov·el (shuv′əl) *n.* [OE *scofl*] a tool with a broad scoop or blade and a long handle, for lifting and moving loose material —*vt.* **-eled** or **-elled**, **-el·ing** or **-el·ling** **1** to move with a shovel **2** to dig out with a shovel
shov′el·ful′ *n.*, *pl.* **-fuls′** as much as a shovel will hold
show (shō) *vt.* **showed**, **shown** or **showed**, **show′ing** [< OE *sceawian*] **1** to bring or put in sight **2** to guide; conduct **3** to point out **4** to reveal, as by behavior **5** to prove; demonstrate **6** to bestow (favor, mercy, etc.) —*vi.* **1** to be or become seen; appear **2** to be noticeable **3** to finish third or better in a horse race —*n.* **1** a showing or demonstration **2** pompous display **3** pretense *[*sorrow that was mere *show]* **4** a public display or exhibition **5** a presentation of entertainment —**show off** **1** to make a display of **2** to attract attention to oneself —**show up** **1** to expose **2** to be seen **3** to arrive
show′biz′ (-biz′) *n.* [Inf.] SHOW BUSINESS
show′boat′ *n.* **1** a boat with a theater and actors who play river towns **2** [Slang] a showoff —*vi.* [Slang] to show off
show business the theater, films, TV, etc. as a business or industry
show′case′ *n.* a glass-enclosed case for displaying things, as in a store —*vt.* **-cased′**, **-cas′ing** to display to good advantage
show′down′ *n.* [Inf.] an action that brings matters to a climax or settles them
show·er (shou′ər) *n.* [OE *scur*] **1** a brief fall of rain, etc. **2** a sudden, abundant fall or flow, as of sparks **3** a party at which gifts are presented to the guest of honor **4** a bath in which the body is sprayed from overhead with fine streams of water —*vt.* **1** to spray with water, etc. **2** to pour forth as in a shower —*vi.* **1** to fall or come as a shower **2** to bathe under a shower —**show′er·y** *adj.*
show·ing (shō′iŋ) *n.* **1** a bringing to view or notice; exhibition **2** a performance, appearance, etc. *[*a good *showing* in the contest*]*
show·man (shō′mən) *n.*, *pl.* **-men** (-mən) **1** one whose business is producing shows **2** a person skilled at presenting anything in a striking manner —**show′man·ship′** *n.*
shown (shōn) *vt.*, *vi. alt. pp. of* SHOW
show′off′ *n.* one who shows off
show of hands a raising of hands, as in voting or volunteering
show′piece′ *n.* **1** something displayed or exhibited **2** something that is a fine example of its kind
show′place′ *n.* **1** a place displayed to the public for its beauty, etc. **2** any beautiful place
show′room′ *n.* a room where merchandise is displayed for advertising or sale
show′time′ *n.* the time when a show begins
show window a store window in which

merchandise is displayed

show'y *adj.* **-i·er, -i·est** **1** of striking appearance **2** attracting attention in a gaudy way —**show'i·ness** *n.*

shpt *abbrev.* shipment

shrank (shraŋk) *vt., vi. alt. pt. of* SHRINK

shrap·nel (shrap'nəl) *n.* [after Gen. H. *Shrapnel* (1761-1842), its Brit inventor] **1** an artillery shell filled with an explosive charge and small metal balls **2** these balls **3** any fragments scattered by an exploding shell, bomb, etc.

shred (shred) *n.* [OE *screade*] **1** a narrow strip cut, torn off, etc. **2** a fragment —*vt.* **shred'ded** or **shred, shred'ding** to cut or tear into shreds —**shred'da·ble** *adj.* —**shred'der** *n.*

Shreve·port (shrēv'pôrt') city in NW Louisiana: pop. 199,000

shrew (shro͞o) *n.* [< OE *screawa*] **1** a small, mouselike mammal with a long snout **2** a nagging, bad-tempered woman —**shrew'ish** *adj.*

shrewd (shro͞od) *adj.* [see prec.] clever or sharp in practical affairs; astute —**shrewd'ly** *adv.* —**shrewd'ness** *n.*

shriek (shrēk) *vi., vt.* [ME *schriken*] to make or utter with a loud, piercing cry —*n.* such a cry

shrift (shrift) *n.* [ult. < L *scribere*, write] [Archaic] confession to and absolution by a priest: see also SHORT SHRIFT

shrike (shrīk) *n.* [OE *scric*] a shrill-voiced, predatory songbird with a hooked beak

shrill (shril) *adj.* [echoic] producing a high, thin, piercing sound —*vi., vt.* to utter (with) a shrill sound —**shril'ly** *adv.* —**shrill'ness** *n.*

shrimp (shrimp) *n.* [OE *scrimman*, to shrink] **1** a small, long-tailed crustacean, valued as food **2** [Inf.] a small or insignificant person

shrine (shrīn) *n.* [< L *scrinium*, box] **1** a container holding sacred relics **2** a saint's tomb **3** a place of worship **4** any hallowed place

shrink (shriŋk) *vi.* **shrank** or **shrunk, shrunk** or **shrunk'en, shrink'ing** [OE *scrincan*] **1** to contract, as from heat, cold, moisture, etc. **2** to lessen, as in amount **3** to draw back; flinch —*vt.* to make shrink —**shrink'a·ble** *adj.*

shrink'age *n.* **1** a shrinking **2** the amount of shrinking

shrinking violet a very shy person

shrink'-wrap' (-rap') *vt.* **-wrapped', -wrap'ping** to wrap in a plastic material that is then shrunk by heating to fit tightly —*n.* a wrapping of such material

shrive (shrīv) *vt.* **shrived** or **shrove, shriv·en** (shriv'ən) or **shrived, shriv'ing** [OE *scrifan*] [Archaic] to hear the confession of and absolve

shriv·el (shriv'əl) *vt., vi.* **-eled** or **-elled, -el·ing** or **-el·ling** [prob. < Scand] to shrink and wrinkle or wither

shroud (shroud) *n.* [OE *scrud*] **1** a cloth used to wrap a corpse for burial **2** something that covers, veils, etc. **3** any of the ropes from a ship's side to a masthead —*vt.* to hide; cover

Shrove Tuesday [see SHRIVE] the last day before Lent

shrub (shrub) *n.* [OE *scrybb*, brushwood] a low, woody plant with several stems; bush —**shrub'by** *adj.*

shrub'ber·y (-ər ē) *n.* shrubs collectively

shrug (shrug) *vt., vi.* **shrugged, shrug'ging** [ME *schruggen*] to draw up (the shoulders), as in indifference, doubt, etc. —*n.* the gesture so made —**shrug off** to dismiss or disregard in a carefree way

shrunk (shruŋk) *vi., vt. alt. pt. & pp. of* SHRINK

shrunk'en *vi., vt. alt. pp. of* SHRINK —*adj.* contracted in size; shriveled

shtick (shtik) *n.* [Yiddish] **1** a comic scene or gimmick **2** an attention-getting device

shuck (shuk) *n.* [< ?] a shell, pod, or husk —*vt.* to remove shucks from

shucks (shuks) *interj.* used to express mild disappointment, embarrassment, etc.

shud·der (shud'ər) *vi.* [ME *schoderen*] to shake or tremble, as in horror —*n.* a shuddering

shuf·fle (shuf'əl) *vt., vi.* **-fled, -fling** [prob. < LowG *schuffeln*] **1** to move (the feet) with a dragging gait **2** to mix (playing cards) **3** to mix together in a jumble —*n.* a shuffling —**shuf'fler** *n.*

shuf'fle·board' *n.* [< earlier *shovel board*] a game in which disks are pushed with a cue toward numbered squares on a diagram

shun (shun) *vt.* **shunned, shun'ning** [OE *scunian*] to keep away from; avoid scrupulously

shunt (shunt) *vt., vi.* [ME *schunten*] **1** to move or turn to one side **2** to switch from one track to another: said as of a train —*n.* **1** a shunting **2** a railroad switch **3** a surgically created channel allowing flow from one organ, etc. to another

shush (shush) *interj.* [echoic] hush! be quiet! —*vt.* to say "shush" to

shut (shut) *vt.* **shut, shut'ting** [OE *scyttan*] **1** to move (a door, lid, etc.) so as to close (an opening, container, etc.) **2** *a*) to prevent entrance to or exit from *b*) to confine *in* a room, etc. **3** to bring together the parts of (a book, the eyes, etc.) —*vi.* to be or become shut —*adj.* closed, fastened, etc. —**shut down** to cease operating —**shut off** to prevent passage of or through —**shut out** **1** to deny entrance to **2** to prevent from scoring —**shut up** **1** to confine **2** [Inf.] to stop or cause to stop talking

shut'down' *n.* a stoppage of work or activity, as in a factory

shut'-eye' *n.* [Slang] sleep

shut'-in' *adj.* confined indoors by illness —*n.* an invalid who is shut-in

shut'out' *n.* a game in which a team is kept from scoring

shut·ter (shut'ər) *n.* **1** a person or thing that shuts **2** a movable cover for a window **3** a device for opening and closing the aperture of a camera lens —*vt.* to close or furnish with a shutter

shut·tle (shut′l) ***n.*** ‖< OE *scytel*, missile‖ **1** a device that carries thread back and forth, as in weaving **2** *a*) a traveling back and forth over a short route *b*) an airplane, bus, etc. used in a shuttle —***vt., vi.*** **-tled, -tling** to move back and forth rapidly

shut′tle·cock′ (-käk′) ***n.*** in badminton, a rounded piece of cork having a flat end stuck with feathers, or a similar plastic device

shy[1] (shī) ***adj.*** **shy′er** or **shi′er, shy′est** or **shi′est** ‖OE *sceoh*‖ **1** easily frightened; timid **2** not at ease with others; bashful **3** distrustful; wary **4** [Slang] lacking —***vi.*** **shied, shy′ing** **1** to move suddenly as when startled **2** to be or become cautious, etc. —**shy′ly** ***adv.*** —**shy′ness** ***n.***

shy[2] (shī) ***vt., vi.*** **shied, shy′ing** ‖< ?‖ to fling, esp. sideways

shy·ster (shī′stər) ***n.*** ‖prob. < Ger *scheisser*, one who defecates‖ [Slang] a lawyer who uses unethical or tricky methods

Si *Chem. symbol for* silicon

Si·am (sī am′) *former name for* THAILAND

Si·a·mese (sī′ə mēz′) ***n.***, *pl.* **-mese′** **1** *former name for* THAI **2** a domestic cat with blue eyes and a light-colored coat —***adj.*** *former term for* THAI

Siamese twins ‖after such a pair born in *Siam*‖ any pair of twins born with bodies joined together

Si·ber·i·a (sī bir′ē ə) region in N Asia, between the Urals & the Pacific: Asian section of Russia —**Si·ber′i·an** ***adj.***, ***n.***

sib·i·lant (sib′ə lənt) ***adj.*** ‖< L *sibilare*, to hiss‖ having or making a hissing sound —***n.*** a sibilant consonant, as (s) or (z)

sib·ling (sib′liŋ) ***n.*** ‖< OE *sib*, kinsman + -LING‖ a brother or sister

sib·yl (sib′əl) ***n.*** ‖< Gr *sibylla*‖ ancient Greek or Roman prophetess —**sib′yl·line′** (-īn′, -ēn′) ***adj.***

sic (sik) ***vt.*** **sicced** or **sicked, sic′cing** or **sick′ing** ‖< SEEK‖ to incite (a dog) to attack

sic (sik, sēk) ***adv.*** ‖L‖ thus; so: used within brackets, [*sic*], to show that a quoted passage, esp. one containing an error, is reproduced accurately

Sic·i·ly (sis′ə lē) island of Italy, off its S tip —**Si·cil·i·an** (si sil′yən) ***adj.***, ***n.***

sick[1] (sik) ***adj.*** ‖OE *seoc*‖ **1** suffering from disease; ill **2** having nausea **3** of or for sick people *[sick* leave*]* **4** deeply disturbed, as by grief **5** disgusted by an excess *[sick* of excuses*]* **6** [Inf.] sadistic, morbid, etc. *[*a *sick* joke*]* —**the sick** sick people —**sick′ish** ***adj.***

sick[2] (sik) ***vt.*** *alt. sp. of* SIC (incite)

sick bay a hospital and dispensary on a ship

sick′bed′ ***n.*** the bed of a sick person

sick′en ***vt., vi.*** to make or become ill, disgusted, etc. —**sick′en·ing** ***adj.***

sick′ie (-ē) ***n.*** [Slang] a sick person, esp. one who is emotionally disturbed, sadistic, etc.

sick·le (sik′əl) ***n.*** ‖ult. < L *secare*, to cut‖ a tool having a crescent-shaped blade on a short handle, for cutting tall grasses and weeds

sickle cell anemia an inherited chronic anemia found chiefly among black people, in which defective hemoglobin causes sickle-shaped red blood cells

sick′ly ***adj.*** **-li·er, -li·est** **1** in poor health **2** produced by sickness *[*a *sickly* pallor*]* **3** faint **4** weak

sick′ness ***n.*** **1** a being sick or diseased **2** a malady **3** nausea

sick′out′ ***n.*** a staying out of work on the claim of illness, as by a group of employees trying to win demands but forbidden to strike

sick′room′ ***n.*** the room of a sick person

side (sīd) ***n.*** ‖OE‖ **1** the right or left half, as of the body **2** a position beside one **3** *a*) any of the lines or surfaces that bound something *b*) either of the two bounding surfaces of an object that are not the front, back, top, or bottom **4** either of the two surfaces of paper, cloth, etc. **5** an aspect *[*his cruel *side]* **6** any location, etc. with reference to a central point **7** the position or attitude of one person or faction opposing another **8** one of the parties in a contest, conflict, etc. **9** a line of descent —***adj.*** **1** of, at, or on a side **2** to or from one side *[*a *side* glance*]* **3** secondary *[*a *side* issue*]* —***vi.*** to align oneself (*with* a faction, etc.) —**side by side** together —**take sides** to support a faction

side′arm′ ***adj.***, ***adv.*** with a forward arm motion at or below shoulder level

side arm a weapon worn at the side or waist, as a sword or pistol: *often used in pl.*

side′bar′ ***n.*** a short article about a sidelight of a major news story and printed alongside it

side′board′ ***n.*** a piece of furniture for holding linen, china, silverware, etc.

side′burns′ ***pl.n.*** ‖< *burnsides*, side whiskers worn by A. E. *Burnside*, Civil War general‖ the hair growing on the sides of a man's face, just in front of the ears

side′car′ ***n.*** a small car attached to the side of a motorcycle

side dish any food served along with the main course, usually in a separate dish

side effect an incidental effect, as an unrelated symptom produced by a drug

side′kick′ ***n.*** [Slang] **1** a close friend **2** a partner; confederate

side′light′ ***n.*** a bit of incidental knowledge or information

side′line′ ***n.*** **1** either of two lines marking the side limits of a playing area, as in football **2** a secondary line of merchandise, work, etc.

side′long′ ***adv.*** toward the side —***adj.*** directed to the side: said as of a glance

side′man′ (-man′) ***n.***, *pl.* **-men′** (-men′) a band member other than the leader or soloist

side′piece′ ***n.*** a piece on the side of something

si·de·re·al (sī dir′ē əl) ***adj.*** ‖< L *sidus*, star‖ with reference to the stars

side′sad′dle *n.* a saddle designed for a rider sitting with both legs on the same side of the animal —***adv.*** on or as if on a sidesaddle

side′show′ *n.* a small show in connection with the main show, as of a circus

side′slip′ *vi.* **-slipped′**, **-slip′ping** to slip or skid sideways —***vt.*** to cause to sideslip —*n.* a slip or skid to the side

side′split′ting *adj.* **1** very hearty: said of laughter **2** very funny

side′step′ *vt.*, *vi.* **-stepped′**, **-step′ping** to dodge as by stepping aside

side′swipe′ *vt.* **-swiped′**, **-swip′ing** to hit along the side in passing —*n.* such a glancing blow

side′track′ *vt.*, *vi.* **1** to switch (a train) to a siding **2** to turn away from the main issue

side′walk′ *n.* a path for pedestrians, usually paved, along the side of a street

side′wall′ *n.* the side of a tire between the tread and the wheel rim

side′ways′ (-wāz′) *adv.*, *adj.* **1** toward or from one side **2** with one side forward Also **side′wise′** (-wīz′)

sid·ing (sīd′iŋ) *n.* **1** a covering, as of overlapping boards, for the outside of a frame building **2** a short railroad track connected with a main track by a switch and used for unloading, etc.

si·dle (sīd′l) *vi.* **-dled**, **-dling** [< *sideling*, sideways] to move sideways, esp. shyly or stealthily

SIDS (sidz) *abbrev.* SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME

siege (sēj) *n.* [ult. < L *sedere*, sit] **1** the encirclement of a fortified place by an enemy intending to take it **2** any persistent attempt to gain control, etc. —**lay siege to** to subject to a siege

si·en·na (sē en′ə) *n.* [It] yellowish brown or reddish brown

si·er·ra (sē er′ə) *n.* [Sp < L *serra*, a saw] a range of hills or mountains with a saw-toothed appearance

Si·er·ra Le·one (sē er′ə lē ōn′) country in W Africa, on the Atlantic: 27,925 sq. mi.; pop. 3,518,000

si·es·ta (sē es′tə) *n.* [Sp < L *sexta* (*hora*), sixth (hour), noon] a brief nap or rest after the noon meal

sieve (siv) *n.* [OE *sife*] a utensil with many small holes for straining liquids, etc.; strainer

sift (sift) *vt.* [OE *siftan*] **1** to pass (flour, etc.) through a sieve **2** to examine (evidence, etc.) with care **3** to separate *[to sift* fact from fable*]* —***vi.*** to pass as through a sieve —**sift′er** *n.*

sigh (sī) *vi.* [< OE *sican*] **1** to take in and let out a long, deep, audible breath, as in sorrow, relief, or longing **2** to feel longing or grief (*for*) —*n.* the act or sound of sighing

sight (sīt) *n.* [< OE *seon*, to see] **1** something seen or worth seeing **2** the act of seeing **3** a device to aid the eyes in aiming a gun, etc. **4** aim or an observation taken, as on a sextant **5** the power or range of seeing; eyesight **6** [Inf.] anything that looks unpleasant, odd, etc. —***vt.*** **1** to observe **2** to glimpse; see **3** to aim at **4** to adjust the sights of —***vi.*** to look carefully *[sight* along the line*]* —**at** (or **on**) **sight** as soon as seen —**by sight** by appearance —**not by a long sight** **1** not nearly **2** not at all —**out of sight** **1** not in sight **2** far off **3** [Inf.] beyond reach **4** [Slang] excellent; wonderful

sight′ed *adj.* **1** having sight; not blind **2** having (a specified kind of) sight *[farsighted]*

sight′ing *n.* an observation, as of something rare

sight′less *adj.* blind

sight′ly *adj.* **-li·er**, **-li·est** pleasant to the sight —**sight′li·ness** *n.*

sight reading the skill of performing written music on first sight —**sight′-read′** *vt.*, *vi.*

sight′see′ing *n.* the visiting of places of interest —**sight′seer** (-sē′ər) *n.*

sig·ma (sig′mə) *n.* the eighteenth letter of the Greek alphabet (Σ, σ, ς)

sign (sīn) *n.* [< L *signum*] **1** something that indicates a fact, quality, etc.; token **2** a gesture that conveys information, etc. **3** a mark or symbol having a specific meaning *[*a dollar *sign* ($)*]* **4** a placard, etc. bearing information, advertising, etc. **5** any trace or indication —***vt.*** **1** to write (one's name) on (a letter, check, contract, etc.) **2** to engage by written contract —***vi.*** to write one's signature —**sign in** (or **out**) to sign a register on arrival (or departure) —**sign off** to stop broadcasting, as for the day —**sign off on** to approve

sign′age *n.* public signs collectively, often, specif., when graphically coordinated

sig·nal (sig′nəl) *n.* [< L *signum*, a sign] **1** a sign or event that initiates action *[*a bugle *signal* to attack*]* **2** a gesture, device, etc. that conveys command, warning, etc. **3** in radio, etc., the electrical impulses transmitted or received —***adj.*** **1** remarkable; notable **2** used as a signal —***vt.***, ***vi.*** **-naled** or **-nalled**, **-nal·ing** or **-nal·ling** **1** to make a signal or signals (to) **2** to communicate by signals

sig′nal·ize′ (-nə līz′) *vt.* **-ized′**, **-iz′ing** to make known or draw attention to

sig′nal·ly *adv.* in a signal way; notably

sig·na·to·ry (sig′nə tôr′ē) *adj.* having joined in signing something —*n.*, *pl.* **-ries** a signatory person, nation, etc.

sig·na·ture (sig′nə chər) *n.* [< L *signare*, to sign] **1** a person's name written by that person **2** *Music* a staff sign showing key or time

sign·board (sīn′bôrd′) *n.* a board bearing a sign or advertisement

sig·net (sig′nit) *n.* [< Fr *signe*, a sign] a seal, as on a ring, used in marking documents as official, etc.

sig·nif·i·cance (sig nif′ə kəns) *n.* **1** that which is signified; meaning **2** the quality of being significant; expressiveness **3** importance

sig·nif′i·cant (-kənt) *adj.* [< L *significare*, signify] **1** having or expressing a meaning, esp. a special or hidden one **2** full of meaning **3** important —**sig·nif′i·**

cant·ly *adv.*

sig·ni·fy (sig′nə fī′) ***vt.*** **-fied′, -fy′ing** [< L *signum*, a sign + *facere*, make] **1** to be an indication of; mean **2** to make known by a sign, words, etc. —***vi.*** to be important —**sig′ni·fi·ca′tion** ***n.***

sign language hand signals and gestures used, as by the deaf, as a language

sign of the cross an outline of a CROSS (sense 2) made symbolically by moving the hand or fingers

sign of the zodiac any of the twelve divisions of the zodiac, each represented by a symbol

si·gnor (sē nyôr′) ***n.***, *pl.* ***-gno′ri*** (-nyô′rē) [It] **1** [S-] Mr.: Italian title **2** a man; gentleman

si·gno·ra (sē nyô′rä) ***n.***, *pl.* ***-gno′re*** (-re) [It] **1** [S-] Mrs.; Madam: Italian title **2** a married woman

si·gno·ri·na (sē′nyô rē′nä) ***n.***, *pl.* ***-ri′ne*** (-ne) [It] **1** [S-] Miss: Italian title **2** an unmarried woman or a girl

sign′post′ ***n.*** **1** a post bearing a sign **2** an obvious clue, symptom, etc.

Sikh (sēk, sik) ***n.*** [Hindi, disciple] a member of a monotheistic religion founded in N India

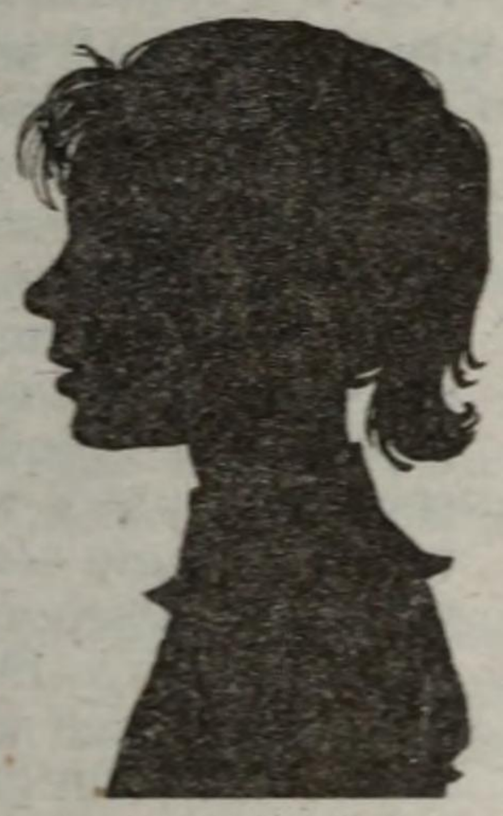
si·lage (sī′lij) ***n.*** green fodder preserved in a silo

si·lence (sī′ləns) ***n.*** **1** a keeping silent **2** absence of sound **3** an omission of mention —***vt.*** **-lenced, -lenc·ing** **1** to make silent **2** to put down; repress —***interj.*** be silent!

si′lenc·er ***n.*** **1** one that silences **2** a device to muffle the sound of a gun

si·lent (sī′lənt) ***adj.*** [< L *silere*, be silent] **1** making no vocal sound; mute **2** not talkative **3** still; noiseless **4** not expressed; tacit **5** not active *[a silent partner]* —**si′lent·ly** ***adv.***

sil·hou·ette (sil′ə wet′) ***n.*** [Fr, after E. de *Silhouette*, 18th-c. Fr statesman] **1** a solid, usually black, outline drawing, esp. a profile **2** any dark shape seen against a light background —***vt.*** **-et′ted, -et′ting** to show in silhouette



SILHOUETTE

sil·i·ca (sil′i kə) ***n.*** [< L *silex*, flint] a hard, glassy mineral found in a variety of forms, as in quartz, opal, or sand —**si·li·ceous** (sə lish′əs) ***adj.***

sil′i·cate (-kit, -kāt′) ***n.*** a salt or ester derived from silica

sil′i·con (-kän′, -kən) ***n.*** [ult. < L *silex*, flint] a nonmetallic chemical element found always in combination

sil′i·cone′ (-kōn′) ***n.*** an organic silicon compound highly resistant to heat, water, etc.

Silicon Valley [after the material used for electronic chips] *name for* an area near San Francisco: a center of high-technology activities

sil′i·co′sis (-kō′sis) ***n.*** [see SILICON & -OSIS] a chronic lung disease from inhaling silica dust

silk (silk) ***n.*** [ult. < ? L *sericus*, (fabric) of the *Seres*, prob. the Chinese] **1** *a*) the fine, soft fiber produced by silkworms *b*) thread or fabric made from this **2** any silklike filament or substance —**silk′en** ***adj.*** —**silk·y** (sil′kē), **-i·er, -i·est,** ***adj.*** —**silk′i·ness** ***n.***

silk-screen process a stencil method of printing a color design through a piece of silk or other fine cloth on which parts of the design not to be printed have been blocked out —**silk′-screen′** ***vt.***

silk′worm′ ***n.*** any of certain moth caterpillars that produce cocoons of silk fiber

sill (sil) ***n.*** **1** a heavy horizontal timber or line of masonry supporting a house wall, etc. **2** a horizontal piece forming the bottom frame of a window or door opening

sil·ly (sil′ē) ***adj.*** **-li·er, -li·est** [< OE *sælig*, happy] having or showing little sense, judgment, or sobriety; foolish, absurd, etc. —**sil′li·ness** ***n.***

si·lo (sī′lō) ***n.***, *pl.* **-los** [< Gr *siros*] **1** an airtight pit or tower in which green fodder is preserved **2** an underground facility for a long-range ballistic missile

silt (silt) ***n.*** [prob. < Scand] a fine-grained, sandy sediment carried or deposited by water —***vt.***, ***vi.*** to fill or choke up with silt

sil·ver (sil′vər) ***n.*** [< OE *seolfer*] **1** a white metallic chemical element that is very ductile and malleable: a precious metal **2** *a*) silver coin *b*) money; riches **3** silverware **4** a lustrous, grayish white —***adj.*** **1** of, containing, or plated with silver **2** silvery **3** marking a 25th anniversary —***vt.*** to cover with or as with silver

sil′ver·fish′ ***n.***, *pl.* **-fish′** a wingless insect with silvery scales and long feelers, found in damp places

silver lining some basis for hope or comfort in the midst of despair

silver nitrate a colorless crystalline salt, used in photography, as an antiseptic, etc.

sil′ver·smith′ ***n.*** an artisan who makes and repairs silver articles

sil′ver-tongued′ (-tuŋd′) ***adj.*** eloquent

sil′ver·ware′ ***n.*** **1** articles, esp. tableware, made of or plated with silver **2** any metal tableware

sil′ver·y ***adj.*** **1** of, like, or containing silver **2** soft and clear in tone

sim·i·an (sim′ē ən) ***adj.***, ***n.*** [< L *simia*, an ape] (of or like) an ape or monkey

sim·i·lar (sim′ə lər) ***adj.*** [< L *similis*] nearly but not exactly the same or alike —**sim′i·lar′i·ty** (-ler′ə tē), *pl.* **-ties**, ***n.*** —**sim′i·lar·ly** ***adv.***

sim·i·le (sim′ə lē′) ***n.*** [< L, a likeness] a figure of speech likening one thing to another by the use of *like, as,* etc. (Ex.: tears flowed like wine)

si·mil·i·tude (sə mil′ə tōōd′) ***n.*** [< L *similitudo*] likeness; resemblance

sim·mer (sim′ər) ***vi.*** [echoic] **1** to

remain at or just below the boiling point **2** to be about to break out, as in anger or revolt —***vt.*** to keep at or just below the boiling point —***n.*** a simmering

si·mon-pure (sī′mən pyoor′) ***adj.*** ‖after *Simon Pure*, a character in an 18th-c. play‖ genuine; authentic

si·mo·ny (sī′mə nē, sim′ə-) ***n.*** ‖after *Simon* Magus: Acts 8:9-24‖ the buying or selling of sacraments or benefices

sim·pa·ti·co (sim pät′i kō, -pat′-) ***adj.*** ‖< It or Sp‖ compatible or congenial

sim·per (sim′pər) ***vi.*** ‖early Modern Eng‖ to smile in a silly or affected way —***n.*** such a smile

sim·ple (sim′pəl) ***adj.*** **-pler, -plest** ‖< L *simplus*‖ **1** having only one or a few parts; uncomplicated **2** easy to do or understand **3** without additions *[the simple facts]* **4** not ornate or luxurious; plain **5** without guile or deceit **6** without ostentation; natural **7** of low rank or position **8** stupid or foolish —**sim′ple·ness** ***n.***

simple interest interest computed on principal alone, and not on principal plus interest

sim′ple-mind′ed ***adj.*** **1** artless; unsophisticated **2** foolish **3** mentally retarded

sim′ple·ton (-tən) ***n.*** a fool

sim·plic·i·ty (sim plis′ə tē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ties** **1** a simple state or quality; freedom from complexity **2** absence of elegance, luxury, etc.; plainness

sim·pli·fy (sim′plə fī′) ***vt.*** **-fied′, -fy′ing** to make simpler or less complex —**sim′pli·fi·ca′tion** ***n.***

sim·plis·tic (sim plis′tik) ***adj.*** making complex problems unrealistically simple —**sim·plis′ti·cal·ly** ***adv.***

sim·ply (sim′plē) ***adv.*** **1** in a simple way **2** merely *[simply trying]* **3** completely *[simply furious]*

sim·u·late (sim′yoo lāt′) ***vt.*** **-lat′ed, -lat′ing** ‖< L *simulare*‖ **1** to give a false appearance of; feign **2** to look or act like —**sim′u·la′tion** ***n.*** —**sim′u·la′tor** ***n.***

si·mul·cast (sī′məl kast′) ***vt.*** **-cast′** or **-cast′ed, -cast′ing** to broadcast (a program) simultaneously by radio and television —***n.*** a program so broadcast

si·mul·ta·ne·ous (sī′məl tā′nē əs) ***adj.*** ‖< L *simul*, together‖ occurring, done, etc. at the same time —**si′mul·ta·ne′i·ty** (-tə nē′ə tē, -nā′-) ***n.*** —**si′mul·ta′ne·ous·ly** ***adv.***

sin (sin) ***n.*** ‖OE *synne*‖ **1** the willful breaking of religious or moral law **2** any offense or fault —***vi.*** **sinned, sin′ning** to commit a sin

Si·nai (sī′nī′), **Mount** *Bible* the mountain where Moses received the law from God: Exodus 19

since (sins) ***adv.*** ‖ult. < OE *sith*, after + *thæt*, that‖ **1** from then until now *[I've been here ever since]* **2** at some time between then and now *[he has since recovered]* **3** before now; ago *[long since gone]* —***prep.*** **1** continuously from (then) until now *[since noon]* **2** during the period between (then) and now *[twice since May]* —***conj.*** **1** after the time that *[two years since they met]* **2** continuously from the time when *[lonely ever since she left]* **3** because *[since you're done, let's go]*

sin·cere (sin sir′) ***adj.*** **-cer′er, -cer′est** ‖< L *sincerus*, pure‖ **1** truthful; honest **2** genuine *[sincere grief]* —**sin·cere′ly** ***adv.*** —**sin·cer′i·ty** (-ser′ə tē) ***n.***

si·ne·cure (sī′nə kyoor′, sin′ə-) ***n.*** ‖< L *sine*, without + *cura*, care‖ any position providing an income but requiring little or no work

si·ne di·e (sī′nē dī′ē) ‖LL, without a day‖ for an indefinite period

si·ne qua non (sī′nē kwā nän′, sin′ā kwä nōn′) ‖L, without which not‖ an indispensable condition or thing

sin·ew (sin′yōō) ***n.*** ‖OE *seonwe*‖ **1** a tendon **2** muscular power; strength —**sin′ew·y** ***adj.***

sin′ful ***adj.*** wicked; immoral —**sin′ful·ly** ***adv.***

sing[1] (siŋ) ***vi.*** **sang, sung, sing′ing** ‖OE *singan*‖ **1** to produce musical sounds with the voice **2** to use song or verse in praise, etc. *[of thee I sing]* **3** to make musical sounds, as a songbird does **4** to hum, buzz, etc., as a bee does —***vt.*** **1** to render (a song, etc.) by singing **2** to extol, etc. in song **3** to bring or put by singing *[to sing a baby to sleep]* —***n.*** [Inf.] group singing —**sing′er** ***n.***

sing[2] *abbrev.* singular

sing′a·long′ ***n.*** an informal gathering of people to sing songs

Sin·ga·pore (siŋ′ə pôr′) **1** island country off the S tip of the Malay Peninsula: 248 sq. mi.; pop. 2,930,000 **2** its capital, a seaport on the S coast: pop. 2,756,000

singe (sinj) ***vt.*** **singed, singe′ing** ‖OE *sengan*‖ **1** to burn superficially **2** to expose (an animal carcass) to flame in removing feathers, etc. —***n.*** **1** a singeing **2** a superficial burn

sin·gle (siŋ′gəl) ***adj.*** ‖< L *singulus*‖ **1** *a)* one only *b)* separate and distinct *[every single time]* **2** solitary **3** of or for one person or family **4** between two persons only *[single combat]* **5** unmarried **6** having only one part; not multiple, etc. **7** whole; unbroken *[a single front]* —***vt.*** **-gled, -gling** to select from others: usually with *out* —***vi.*** *Baseball* to hit a single —***n.*** **1** a single person or thing **2** *Baseball* a hit on which the batter reaches first base **3** [*pl.*] *Racket Sports* a match with only one player on each side —**sin′gle·ness** ***n.***

sin′gle-breast′ed (-bres′tid) ***adj.*** overlapping in front enough to fasten *[a single-breasted coat]*

single file **1** a single line of people or things, one behind another **2** in such a line

sin′gle-hand′ed ***adj.***, ***adv.*** **1** using only one hand **2** without help —**sin′gle-hand′ed·ly** ***adv.***

sin′gle-mind′ed ***adj.*** with only one aim or purpose —**sin′gle-mind′ed·ly** ***adv.***

sin′gle·ton (-tən) ***n.*** **1** a playing card that is the only one of its suit held by a player **2** a single person or thing

sin′gle-track′ ***adj.*** ONE-TRACK

sin′gle·tree′ (-trē′) ***n.*** [< ME *swingle*, rod + *tre*, tree] the crossbar on the hitch of a wagon, etc. to which the traces of a horse's harness are hooked

sin·gly (siŋ′glē) ***adv.*** **1** alone **2** one by one **3** unaided

sing′song′ ***n.*** a monotonous rise and fall of tone, as in speaking

sin·gu·lar (siŋ′gyə lər) ***adj.*** [< L *singulus*, single] **1** unique **2** extraordinary; remarkable **3** peculiar; odd **4** *Gram.* designating only one —***n.*** *Gram.* the singular form of a word —**sin′gu·lar′i·ty** (-ler′ə tē) ***n.*** —**sin′gu·lar·ly** ***adv.***

Sin·ha·lese (sin′hə lēz′, -lēs′) ***adj.*** of Sri Lanka (island country of S Asia) or its principal people, language, etc. —***n.*** **1** *pl.* **-lese′** a member of the Sinhalese people **2** the language of this people

sin·is·ter (sin′is tər) ***adj.*** [< L *sinister*, left-hand (side)] **1** [Archaic] on or to the left-hand side **2** threatening harm, evil, etc. **3** wicked; evil

sink (siŋk) ***vi.*** **sank** or **sunk**, **sunk**, **sink′ing** [OE *sincan*] **1** to go beneath the surface of water, etc. **2** to go down slowly **3** to appear to descend, as the sun does **4** to become lower, as in level, value, or rank **5** to subside: said as of wind or sound **6** to become hollow: said as of the cheeks **7** to pass gradually (*into* sleep, etc.) **8** to approach death —***vt.*** **1** to cause to sink **2** to make (a mine, engraving, etc.) by digging, cutting, etc. **3** to invest **4** to defeat; undo —***n.*** **1** a cesspool or sewer **2** a basin, as in a kitchen, with a drainpipe **3** an area of sunken land —**sink in** [Inf.] to be understood in full —**sink′a·ble** ***adj.***

sink′er ***n.*** **1** one that sinks **2** a lead weight used in fishing

sink′hole′ ***n.*** a surface depression resulting when ground collapses

sinking fund a fund built up over time to pay off a future debt, as of a corporation

sin′ner ***n.*** a person who sins

Sino- [< Gr *Sinai*] *combining form* Chinese and

sin tax a tax on something seen as sinful or harmful, as on liquor, tobacco, or gambling

sin·u·ous (sin′yo͞o əs) ***adj.*** [< L *sinus*, a bend] bending or winding in and out; wavy —**sin′u·os′i·ty** (-äs′ə tē) ***n.*** —**sin′u·ous·ly** ***adv.***

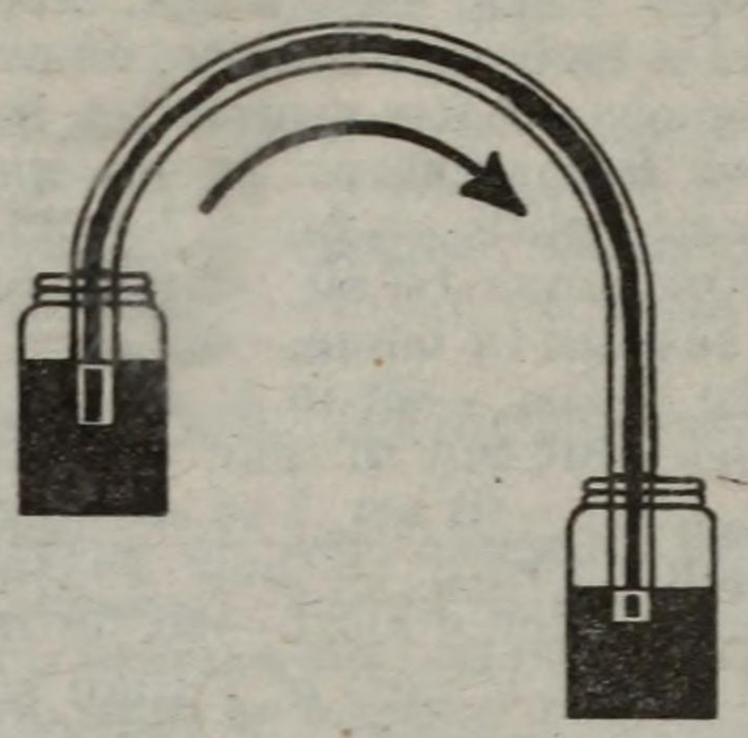
si·nus (sī′nəs) ***n.*** [L, a bend] a cavity, hollow, etc.; specif., any of the air cavities in the skull opening into the nasal cavities

si′nus·i′tis (-īt′is) ***n.*** inflammation of the sinuses, esp. those of the skull

Sioux (so͞o) ***n.***, *pl.* **Sioux** (so͞o, so͞oz) a member of a group of Indian tribes of the N U.S. and S Canada —***adj.*** of these tribes

sip (sip) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** **sipped**, **sip′ping** [ME *sippen*] to drink a little at a time —***n.*** **1** the act of sipping **2** a quantity sipped —**sip′per** ***n.***

si·phon (sī′fən) ***n.*** [< Gr *siphōn*, tube] a bent tube for carrying liquid out over the edge of a container to a lower level —***vt.*** to draw off through or as through a siphon



SIPHON

sir (sur) ***n.*** [ME < *sire*, SIRE] **1** [*sometimes* **S-**] a respectful term of address used to a man: not followed by the name **2** [**S-**] the title used before the name of a knight or baronet

sire (sīr) ***n.*** [< OFr < L *senior*, compar. of *senex*, old] **1** [**S-**] a title of respect used in addressing a king **2** [Old Poet.] a father or forefather **3** the male parent of a four-legged mammal —***vt.*** **sired**, **sir′ing** to beget: said esp. of animals

si·ren (sī′rən) ***n.*** [< Gr *Seirēn*] **1** *Gr. & Rom. Myth.* any of several sea nymphs whose singing lures sailors to their death on rocky coasts **2** a woman considered seductive **3** a warning device producing a loud, wailing sound

sir·loin (sur′loin′) ***n.*** [< OFr *sur*, over + *loigne*, loin] a choice cut of beef from the loin end in front of the rump

si·roc·co (sə räk′ō) ***n.***, *pl.* **-cos** [It < Ar *sharq*, the east] a hot, oppressive wind blowing from the deserts of N Africa into S Europe

sir·ree or **sir·ee** (sə rē′) ***interj.*** [< SIR] used to provide emphasis after *yes* or *no*

sir·up (sur′əp, sir′-) ***n.*** *alt. sp. of* SYRUP

sis (sis) ***n.*** [Inf.] *short for* SISTER (senses 1-3)

si·sal (sī′səl, sis′əl) ***n.*** [after *Sisal*, in SE Mexico] a strong fiber obtained from the leaves of an agave

sis·sy (sis′ē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-sies** [dim. of SIS] [Inf.] **1** an effeminate boy or man **2** a timid person —**sis′si·fied′** (-ə fīd′) ***adj.***

sis·ter (sis′tər) ***n.*** [< ON *systir*] **1** a woman or girl as she is related to the other children of her parents **2** a half sister or stepsister **3** a female friend who is like a sister **4** a female fellow member of the same race, organization, etc. **5** [*often* **S-**] a nun **6** something of the same kind, model, etc. —**sis′ter·hood′** ***n.*** —**sis′ter·ly** ***adj.***

sis′ter-in-law′ ***n.***, *pl.* **sis′ters-in-law′** **1** the sister of one's spouse **2** the wife of one's brother **3** the wife of the brother of one's spouse

Sis·y·phus (sis′ə fəs) *Gr. Myth.* a greedy king doomed in Hades to roll uphill a stone which always rolls down again

sit (sit) ***vi.*** **sat**, **sit′ting** [OE *sittan*] **1** *a*) to rest oneself upon the buttocks, as on a chair *b*) to rest on the haunches with the forelegs braced (said of a dog, etc.) *c*) to perch (said of a bird) **2** to cover and warm eggs for hatching; brood **3** *a*)

to occupy a seat as a judge, legislator, etc. *b*) to be in session (said as of court) **4** to pose, as for a portrait **5** to be located **6** to rest or lie as specified *[*cares *sit* lightly on him*]* **7** BABY-SIT —***vt.*** **1** to cause to sit; seat **2** to keep one's seat on (a horse, etc.) —**sit down** to take a seat —**sit in** to attend: often with *on* —**sit out** to take no part in (a dance, etc.) —**sit up** **1** to sit erect **2** to postpone going to bed **3** [Inf.] to become suddenly alert —**sit'ter** ***n.***

si·tar (si tär′, si′tär′) ***n.*** ⟦Hindi *sitār*⟧ a lutelike instrument of India with a long, fretted neck



SITAR

sit·com (sit′käm′) ***n.*** [Inf.] *short for* SITUATION COMEDY

sit′-down′ (strike) a strike in which the strikers refuse to leave the premises

site (sīt) ***n.*** ⟦< L *situs*, position⟧ a location or scene

sit′-in′ ***n.*** a method of protest in which demonstrators sit in, and refuse to leave, a public place

sit′ting ***n.*** **1** the act or position of one that sits **2** a session, as of a court **3** a period of being seated

sitting duck [Inf.] a person or thing especially vulnerable to attack; easy target

sit·u·ate (sich′o͞o āt′) ***vt.*** **-at′ed, -at′ing** ⟦see SITE⟧ to put in a certain place or position; place; locate

sit′u·a′tion ***n.*** **1** location; position **2** condition with regard to circumstances **3** state of affairs **4** a position of employment

situation comedy a comic TV series made up of episodes involving the same group of characters

sit′-up′ or **sit′up′** ***n.*** an exercise in which a person lying supine rises to a sitting position without using the hands

sitz bath (sits, zits) ⟦< Ger⟧ a therapeutic bath in which only the hips and buttocks are immersed

Si·va (sē′və, shē′-) ***n.*** Hindu god of destruction and reproduction

six (siks) ***adj.***, ***n.*** ⟦OE *sex*⟧ one more than five; 6; VI —**sixth** ***adj.***, ***n.***

six′-pack′ ***n.*** a package of six units, as one with six cans of beer

six′-shoot′er ***n.*** [Inf.] a revolver having a cylinder that holds six cartridges: also **six′-gun′**

six′teen′ (-tēn′) ***adj.*** ⟦OE *syxtene*⟧ six more than ten; 16; XVI —**six′teenth′** ***adj.***, ***n.***

sixth sense intuitive power

six·ty (siks′tē) ***adj.***, ***n.***, *pl.* **-ties** ⟦OE *sixtig*⟧ six times ten; 60; LX —**the sixties** the numbers or years, as of a century, from 60 through 69 —**six′ti·eth** (-ith) ***adj.***, ***n.***

siz·a·ble (sī′zə bəl) ***adj.*** quite large or bulky: also sp. **size′a·ble**

size[1] (sīz) ***n.*** ⟦ult. < L *sedere*, sit⟧ **1** that quality of a thing which determines how much space it occupies; dimensions or magnitude **2** any of a series of graded classifications of measure into which merchandise is divided —***vt.*** **sized, siz′ing** to make or grade according to size —**size up** [Inf.] **1** to make an estimate or judgment of **2** to meet requirements

size[2] (sīz) ***n.*** ⟦ME *syse*⟧ a pasty substance used as a glaze or filler on plaster, paper, cloth, etc. —***vt.*** **sized, siz′ing** to fill, stiffen, or glaze with size

-sized (sīzd) *combining form* having a (specified) size *[*medium-*sized]*: also **-size**

siz′ing ***n.*** **1** SIZE[2] **2** the act of applying SIZE[2]

siz·zle (siz′əl) ***vi.*** **-zled, -zling** ⟦echoic⟧ **1** to make a hissing sound when in contact with heat **2** to be extremely hot —***n.*** a sizzling sound

S.J. *abbrev.* Society of Jesus

SK Saskatchewan

skate[1] (skāt) ***n.*** ⟦< OFr *eschace*, stilt⟧ **1** a metal runner in a frame, fastened to a shoe for gliding on ice **2** a similar frame or shoe with wheels, for gliding on a floor, sidewalk, etc. —***vi.*** **skat′ed, skat′ing** to glide or roll on or as on skates —**skat′er** ***n.***

skate[2] (skāt) ***n.*** ⟦< ON *skata*⟧ any ray fish

skate′board′ ***n.*** a short, oblong board with two wheels at each end, ridden standing up, as down an incline —***vi.*** to ride on a skateboard

ske·dad·dle (ski dad′l) ***vi.*** **-dled, -dling** ⟦< ?⟧ [Inf.] to run away

skeet (skēt) ***n.*** ⟦< ON *skeyti*, projectile⟧ trapshooting in which the shooter fires from different angles

skein (skān) ***n.*** ⟦< MFr *escaigne*⟧ a quantity of thread or yarn in a coil

skel·e·ton (skel′ə tən) ***n.*** ⟦< Gr *skeletos*, dried up⟧ **1** the hard framework of bones of an animal body **2** a supporting framework **3** an outline, as of a book —***adj.*** greatly reduced *[*a *skeleton* crew*]* —**skel′e·tal** ***adj.***

skeleton key a key that can open many simple locks

skep·tic (skep′tik) ***n.*** ⟦L < Gr *skeptikos*, inquiring⟧ **1** an adherent of skepticism **2** one who habitually questions matters generally accepted **3** one who doubts religious doctrines

skep′ti·cal (-ti kəl) ***adj.*** doubting; ques-

tioning —**skep'ti·cal·ly** *adv.*

skep'ti·cism' (-tə siz'əm) *n.* **1** the doctrine that the truth of all knowledge must always be in question **2** skeptical attitude **3** doubt about religious doctrines

sketch (skech) *n.* ‖ult. < Gr *schedios*, extempore‖ **1** a rough drawing or design, done rapidly **2** a brief outline **3** a short, light story, play, etc. —*vt.*, *vi.* make a sketch or sketches (of) —**sketch'y**, **-i·er**, **-i·est**, *adj.*

skew (skyo͞o) *vi.*, *vt.* ‖< OFr *eschiver*, shun < OHG‖ **1** to slant or set at a slant **2** to distort —*adj.* slanting —*n.* a slant or twist

skew·er (skyo͞o'ər) *n.* ‖< ON *skifa*, a slice‖ a long pin used to hold meat together while cooking —*vt.* to fasten or pierce with or as with skewers

ski (skē) *n.*, *pl.* **skis** ‖Norw < ON *skith*, snowshoe‖ either of a pair of long runners of wood, etc. fastened to shoes for gliding over snow —*vi.* **skied**, **ski'ing** to glide on skis —**ski'er** *n.*

skid (skid) *n.* ‖prob. < ON *skith*, snowshoe‖ **1** a plank, log, etc., often used as a track upon which to slide a heavy object **2** a low, wooden platform for holding loads **3** a runner on aircraft landing gear **4** a sliding wedge used to brake a wheel **5** the act of skidding —*vt.*, *vi.* **skid'ded**, **skid'ding** to slide or slip, as a vehicle on ice —**be on** (or **hit**) **the skids** [Slang] to be on the decline, or to fail

skid row ‖altered < *skid road*, trail to skid logs along‖ a section of a city frequented by vagrants, derelicts, etc.

skiff (skif) *n.* ‖< It *schifo*‖ any light, open boat propelled by oars, motor, or sail

ski lift an endless cable with seats, for carrying skiers up a slope

skill (skil) *n.* ‖< ON *skil*, distinction‖ **1** great ability or proficiency **2** *a*) an art, craft, etc., esp. one involving the hands or body *b*) ability in such an art, etc. —**skilled** *adj.* —**skill'ful** or **skil'ful** *adj.*

skil·let (skil'it) *n.* ‖< ? L *scutra*, dish‖ a pan for frying

skim (skim) *vt.*, *vi.* **skimmed**, **skim'ming** ‖ME *skimen*‖ **1** to remove (floating matter) from (a liquid) **2** to glance through (a book, etc.) without reading word for word **3** to glide lightly (over)

skim milk milk with the cream removed: also **skimmed milk**

skimp (skimp) *vi.*, *vt.* SCRIMP

skimp'y *adj.* **-i·er**, **-i·est** [Inf.] barely enough; scanty

skin (skin) *n.* ‖< ON *skinn*‖ **1** the outer covering of the animal body **2** a pelt **3** something like skin, as fruit rind, etc. —*vt.* **skinned**, **skin'ning** **1** to remove skin from **2** to injure by scraping (one's knee, etc.) **3** [Inf.] to swindle

skin diving underwater swimming with such gear as a face mask, flippers, scuba equipment, etc. —**skin'-dive'**, **-dived'**, **-div'ing**, *vi.* —**skin diver**

skin'flick' *n.* [Slang] a film emphasizing nudity or explicit sexual activity

skin'flint' *n.* ‖lit., one who would skin a flint for economy‖ a miser

-skinned *combining form* having (a specified kind of) skin *[dark-skinned]*

skin'ny *adj.* **-ni·er**, **-ni·est** without much flesh; very thin —**skin'ni·ness** *n.*

skin'ny-dip' *vi.* **-dipped'**, **-dip'ping** [Inf.] to swim nude —*n.* [Inf.] a swim in the nude

skin'tight' *adj.* tightfitting *[skintight jeans]*

skip (skip) *vi.*, *vt.* **skipped**, **skip'ping** ‖ME *skippen*‖ **1** to move along by hopping on first one foot and then the other **2** to ricochet or bounce **3** to pass from one point to another, omitting or ignoring (what lies between) **4** [Inf.] to leave (town, etc.) hurriedly —*n.* a skipping —**skip it!** [Inf.] it doesn't matter

skip·per (skip'ər) *n.* ‖< MDu *schip*, a ship‖ the captain of a ship

skir·mish (skur'mish) *n.* ‖< It *schermire* < Gmc‖ **1** a brief fight between small groups, as in a battle **2** any slight, unimportant conflict —*vi.* to take part in a skirmish

skirt (skurt) *n.* ‖< ON *skyrt*, shirt‖ **1** that part of a dress, coat, etc. that hangs below the waist **2** a woman's garment that hangs from the waist **3** something like a skirt —*vt.*, *vi.* to be on, or move along, the edge (of)

ski run a slope or course for skiing

skit (skit) *n.* ‖prob. ult. < ON *skjōta*, to shoot‖ a short, humorous sketch, as in the theater

ski tow a kind of ski lift for pulling skiers up a slope on their skis

skit·ter (skit'ər) *vi.* ‖< Scand‖ to move along quickly and lightly

skit·tish (skit'ish) *adj.* ‖see SKIT & -ISH‖ **1** lively; playful **2** easily frightened; jumpy **3** fickle

skiv·vy (skiv'ē) *n.*, *pl.* **-vies** ‖< ?‖ [Slang] **1** a man's, esp. a sailor's, short-sleeved undershirt: usually **skivvy shirt** **2** [*pl.*] men's underwear

skoal (skōl) *interj.* ‖< ON *skāl*, a bowl‖ to your health!: used as a toast

skul·dug·ger·y or **skull·dug·ger·y** (skul dug'ər ē) *n.* ‖< obs. Scot‖ [Inf.] sneaky, dishonest behavior; trickery

skulk (skulk) *vi.* ‖ME *sculken*‖ to move in a stealthy manner; slink

skull (skul) *n.* ‖< Scand‖ **1** the bony framework of the head, enclosing the brain **2** the head; mind

skull'cap' *n.* a light, closefitting, brimless cap, usually worn indoors

skunk (skuŋk) *n.* ‖< AmInd‖ **1** a small, bushy-tailed mammal having black fur with white stripes down the back: it ejects a foul-smelling liquid when disturbed or frightened **2** its fur **3** [Inf.] a despicable person

sky (skī) *n.*, *pl.* **skies** ‖< ON, a cloud‖ **1** [*often pl.*] the upper atmosphere *[blue skies*, a cloudy *sky]* **2** the firmament **3** heaven

sky'box' *n.* a private section of seats, often luxurious and usually elevated, in a stadium, etc.

sky'cap' *n.* a porter at an airport terminal

sky diving parachute jumping involving free-fall maneuvers

sky′-high′ *adj.* very high —*adv.* **1** very high **2** in or to pieces

sky′jack′ *vt.* to hijack (an aircraft) —**sky′jack′er** *n.*

sky′lark′ *n.* a Eurasian lark famous for the song it utters as it soars —*vi.* to romp or frolic

sky′light′ *n.* a window in a roof or ceiling

sky′line′ *n.* **1** the visible horizon **2** the outline, as of a city, seen against the sky

sky′rock′et *n.* a fireworks rocket that explodes aloft —*vi.*, *vt.* to rise or cause to rise rapidly

sky′scrap′er *n.* a very tall building

sky′ward *adv.*, *adj.* toward the sky: also **sky′wards** *adv.*

sky′way′ *n.* **1** AIR LANE **2** an elevated highway or walkway

sky′writ′ing *n.* the tracing of words, etc. in the sky by trailing smoke from an airplane —**sky′writ′er** *n.*

slab (slab) *n.* [ME *sclabbe*] a flat, broad, and fairly thick piece

slack[1] (slak) *adj.* [< OE *slæc*] **1** slow; sluggish **2** not busy; dull *[a slack period]* **3** loose; not tight **4** careless *[a slack worker]* —*vt.*, *vi.* to slacken —*n.* **1** a part that hangs loose **2** a lack of tension **3** a dull period; lull —**cut someone some slack** [Slang] to demand less of someone —**slack off** to slacken —**slack′ness** *n.*

slack[2] (slak) *n.* [ME *sleck*] a mixture of small pieces of coal, coal dust, etc. left from screening coal

slack·en (slak′ən) *vt.*, *vi.* **1** to make or become less active, brisk, etc. **2** to loosen or relax, as rope

slack′er *n.* one who shirks

slacks (slaks) *pl.n.* trousers for men or women

slag (slag) *n.* [< earlier LowG *slagge*] the fused refuse separated from metal in smelting

slain (slān) *vt.* *pp. of* SLAY

slake (slāk) *vt.* **slaked**, **slak′ing** [< OE *slæc*, SLACK[1]] **1** to satisfy (thirst, etc.) **2** to produce a chemical change in (lime) by mixing with water

sla·lom (slä′ləm) *n.* [Norw] a downhill ski race over a zigzag course —*vi.* to take part in a slalom

slam (slam) *vt.* **slammed**, **slam′ming** [prob. < Scand] **1** to shut, hit, throw, or put with force and noise **2** [Inf.] to criticize severely —*n.* **1** a slamming **2** [Inf.] a severe criticism

slam′-bang′ [Inf.] *adv.* **1** swiftly or abruptly and recklessly **2** noisily —*adj.* lively, noisy, etc.

slam′-dunk′ *n.* *Basketball* a forceful shot from directly above the basket

slam·mer (slam′ər) *n.* [Slang] a prison or jail

slan·der (slan′dər) *n.* [see SCANDAL] **1** the utterance of a falsehood that damages another's reputation **2** such a spoken statement —*vt.* to utter a slander about —**slan′der·er** *n.* —**slan′der·ous** *adj.*

slang (slaŋ) *n.* [< ?] highly informal speech that is outside standard usage and consists both of coined words and phrases and of new meanings given to established terms —**slang′y**, **-i·er**, **-i·est**, *adj.*

slant (slant) *vt.*, *vi.* [< Scand] **1** to incline; slope **2** to tell so as to express a particular bias —*n.* **1** an oblique surface, line, etc. **2** a point of view or attitude —*adj.* sloping

slap (slap) *n.* [echoic] **1** a blow with something flat, as the palm of the hand **2** an insult or rebuff —*vt.* **slapped**, **slap′ping** **1** to strike with something flat **2** to put, hit, etc. with force

slap′dash′ *adj.*, *adv.* hurried(ly), careless(ly), haphazard(ly), etc.

slap′-hap′py *adj.* [Slang] **1** dazed, as by blows **2** silly or giddy

slap′stick′ *n.* crude comedy full of horseplay —*adj.* characterized by such comedy

slash (slash) *vt.* [< ? OFr *esclachier*, to break] **1** to cut with sweeping strokes, as of a knife **2** to cut slits in **3** to reduce drastically *[slash* prices*]* —*vi.* to make a sweeping stroke as with a knife —*n.* **1** a slashing **2** a cut made by slashing **3** a virgule —**slash′er** *n.*

slash′-and-burn′ *adj.* **1** of a method of clearing fields by cutting down and burning vegetation **2** indiscriminately destructive

slash pocket a pocket (in a garment) with a finished diagonal opening

slat (slat) *n.* [< OFr *esclat*, fragment] a narrow strip of wood, metal, etc.

slate (slāt) *n.* [see prec.] **1** a hard, fine-grained rock that cleaves into thin, smooth layers **2** a thin piece of slate or slatelike material, as a roofing tile or writing tablet **3** the bluish-gray color of most slate: also **slate blue** —*vt.* **slat′ed**, **slat′ing** **1** to cover with slate **2** to designate, as for candidacy —**a clean slate** a record showing no marks of discredit, dishonor, etc.

slath·er (sla*th*′ər) *vt.* [< ?] [Inf. or Dial.] to cover or spread on thickly

slat·tern (slat′ərn) *n.* [< dial. *slatter*, to slop] a slovenly or sluttish woman —**slat′tern·ly** *adj.*

slaugh·ter (slôt′ər) *n.* [< ON *slātr*, lit., slain flesh] **1** the killing of animals for food; butchering **2** the brutal killing of a person **3** the killing of many people, as in battle —*vt.* **1** to kill (animals) for food; butcher **2** to kill (people) brutally or in large numbers —**slaugh′ter·er** *n.*

slaugh′ter·house′ *n.* a place where animals are butchered for food

Slav (släv, slav) *n.* a member of a group of peoples of E and SE Europe, including Russians, Serbs, Czechs, Poles, etc. —*adj.* *var. of* SLAVIC

slave (slāv) *n.* [< Gr *Sklabos*, ult. < OSlav *Slovēne*, first used of captive Slavs] **1** a human being who is owned as property by another **2** one dominated by some influence, etc. **3** one who slaves —*vi.* **slaved**, **slav′ing** to work like a slave; drudge

slave driver 1 one who oversees slaves 2 any merciless taskmaster
slav·er (slav′ər) *vi.* [< Scand] to drool
slav·er·y (slā′vər ē) *n.* 1 the owning of slaves as a practice 2 the condition of a slave; bondage 3 drudgery; toil
Slav·ic (släv′ik, slav′-) *adj.* of the Slavs, their languages, etc. —*n.* a family of languages, including Russian, Polish, Czech, Bulgarian, etc.
slav·ish (slā′vish) *adj.* 1 of or like slaves; servile 2 blindly dependent or imitative —**slav′ish·ly** *adv.*
slaw (slô) *n.* [Du *sla* < Fr *salade*, salad] *short for* COLESLAW
slay (slā) *vt.* **slew**, **slain**, **slay′ing** [OE *slean*] to kill in a violent way —**slay′er** *n.*
sleaze (slēz) *n.* [< SLEAZY] [Slang] 1 sleaziness 2 someone or something sleazy
slea·zoid (slē′zoid′) [Slang] *adj.* SLEAZY (sense 2) —*n.* a coarse or immoral person
slea·zy (slē′zē) *adj.* **-zi·er**, **-zi·est** [< *silesia*, orig. cloth made in central Europe] 1 flimsy or thin in substance 2 shoddy, shabby, immoral, etc. —**slea′zi·ly** *adv.* —**slea′zi·ness** *n.*
sled (sled) *n.* [ME *sledde*] a vehicle on runners for moving over snow, ice, etc. —*vt.*, *vi.* **sled′ded**, **sled′ding** to carry or ride on a sled —**sled′der** *n.*
sledge[1] (slej) *n.* [OE *slecge*] SLEDGE-HAMMER
sledge[2] (slej) *n.* [MDu *sleedse*] a sled or sleigh
sledge′ham′mer *n.* [see SLEDGE[1]] a long, heavy hammer, usually held with both hands
sleek (slēk) *adj.* [var. of SLICK] 1 smooth and shiny; glossy 2 of well-fed or well-groomed appearance 3 suave, elegant, etc. —*vt.* to make sleek —**sleek′ly** *adv.* —**sleek′ness** *n.*
sleep (slēp) *n.* [OE *slæp*] 1 the natural, regularly recurring rest for the body, during which there is little or no conscious thought 2 any state like this —*vi.* **slept**, **sleep′ing** to be in a state of or like sleep —**sleep off** to rid oneself of by sleeping —**sleep′less** *adj.* —**sleep′less·ness** *n.*
sleep′er *n.* 1 one who sleeps 2 a railroad car with berths for sleeping: also **sleeping car** 3 a beam laid flat to support something 4 something that achieves an unexpected success
sleeping bag a warmly lined, zippered bag for sleeping in outdoors
sleeping sickness an infectious disease, esp. of Africa, transmitted by the tsetse fly and characterized by lethargy, prolonged coma, etc.
sleep′o′ver *n.* a spending the night at another's home, as by a group of young people for fun
sleep′walk′ing *n.* the act of walking while asleep —**sleep′walk′er** *n.*
sleep′wear′ *n.* NIGHTCLOTHES
sleep′y *adj.* **-i·er**, **-i·est** 1 ready or inclined to sleep; drowsy 2 dull; idle [a *sleepy* town] —**sleep′i·ly** *adv.* —**sleep′i·ness** *n.*
sleet (slēt) *n.* [ME *slete*] 1 partly frozen rain 2 the icy coating formed when rain freezes on trees, etc. —*vi.* to fall as sleet —**sleet′y** *adj.*
sleeve (slēv) *n.* [OE *sliefe*] 1 that part of a garment that covers the arm 2 a tubelike part fitting over or around another part —**up one's sleeve** hidden but ready at hand —**sleeve′less** *adj.*
sleigh (slā) *n.* [Du *slee*] a vehicle on runners, usually horse-drawn, for moving over snow, ice, etc.
sleight of hand (slīt) [< ON *slægr*, crafty] 1 skill with the hands, esp. in deceiving onlookers, as in magic 2 a trick thus performed
slen·der (slen′dər) *adj.* [ME *s(c)lendre* < ?] 1 long and thin 2 slim of figure 3 small in amount, size, force, etc. —**slen′der·ness** *n.*
slen′der·ize′ *vt.*, *vi.* **-ized′**, **-iz′ing** to make or become slender
slept (slept) *vi.*, *vt.* *pt. & pp. of* SLEEP
sleuth (slo͞oth) *n.* [< ON *slóth*, a trail] [Inf.] a detective
slew[1] (slo͞o) *n.* [Ir *sluagh*, a host] [Inf.] a large number or amount
slew[2] (slo͞o) *vt.* *pt. of* SLAY
slice (slīs) *n.* [< OFr *esclicier*] 1 a relatively thin, broad piece cut from something 2 a part or share —*vt.* **sliced**, **slic′ing** 1 to cut into slices 2 to cut off as in a slice or slices: often with *off*, *from*, *away*, etc. 3 to hit (a ball) so that it curves to the right if right-handed or the left if left-handed —**slic′er** *n.*
slick (slik) *vt.* [OE *slician*] 1 to make smooth 2 [Inf.] to make smart, neat, etc.: usually with *up* —*adj.* 1 sleek; smooth 2 slippery 3 adept; clever 4 [Inf.] smooth but superficial, tricky, etc. —*n.* 1 a smooth area on the water, as from a layer of oil 2 a slippery, oily area on the surface of a road —**slick′ly** *adv.* —**slick′ness** *n.*
slick′er *n.* 1 a loose, waterproof coat 2 [Inf.] a tricky person
slide (slīd) *vi.* **slid** (slid), **slid′ing** [OE *slidan*] 1 to move along in constant contact with a smooth surface, as on ice 2 to glide 3 to slip [it *slid* from his hand] —*vt.* 1 to cause to slide 2 to place quietly or deftly (*in* or *into*) —*n.* 1 a sliding 2 a smooth, often inclined surface for sliding down 3 something that works by sliding 4 a photographic transparency for use with a viewer or projector 5 a small glass plate on which objects are mounted for microscopic study 6 the fall of a mass of rock, snow, etc. down a slope —**let slide** to fail to attend to properly
slide fastener a zipper or a zipperlike device with two grooved plastic edges joined or separated by a sliding tab
slid′er *n.* 1 one that slides 2 *Baseball* a fast pitch that curves
sliding scale a schedule, as of fees, wages, etc., that varies with given conditions, as cost of living, etc.
slight (slīt) *adj.* [OE *sliht*] 1 *a*) light in build; slender *b*) frail; fragile 2 lacking strength, importance, etc. 3 small

in amount or extent —***vt.*** **1** to neglect **2** to treat with disrespect **3** to treat as unimportant —***n.*** a slighting or being slighted —**slight'ly** ***adv.*** —**slight'ness** ***n.***

slim (slim) ***adj.*** **slim'mer, slim'mest** [< Du, bad] **1** small in girth; slender **2** small in amount, degree, etc. —***vt., vi.*** **slimmed, slim'ming** to make or become slim —**slim'ness** ***n.***

slime (slīm) ***n.*** [OE *slim*] any soft, moist, slippery, often sticky matter —**slim'y, -i·er, -i·est,** ***adj.***

sling (sliŋ) ***n.*** [prob. < ON *slyngua*, to throw] **1** a primitive instrument whirled by hand for throwing stones **2** a cast; throw; fling **3** *a*) a supporting band, etc. as for raising a heavy object *b*) a cloth looped from the neck under an injured arm for support —***vt.*** **slung, sling'ing** **1** to throw as with a sling **2** to suspend

sling'shot' ***n.*** a Y-shaped piece of wood, etc. with an elastic band attached to it for shooting stones, etc.

slink (sliŋk) ***vi.*** **slunk, slink'ing** [OE *slincan*, to creep] to move in a furtive or sneaking way

slink'y ***adj.*** **-i·er, -i·est** **1** furtive; sneaking **2** [Slang] sinuous in movement or line

slip[1] (slip) ***vi.*** **slipped, slip'ping** [ME *slippen*, ult. < Ger] **1** to go quietly or secretly *[to slip out of a room]* **2** to pass smoothly or easily **3** to escape from one's memory, grasp, etc. **4** to slide, lose footing, etc. **5** to make a mistake; err **6** to become worse —***vt.*** **1** to cause to slip **2** to put, pass, etc. deftly or stealthily **3** to escape from (the memory) —***n.*** **1** a space between piers for docking ships **2** a woman's undergarment the length of a skirt **3** a pillow case **4** a slipping or falling down **5** an error or mistake —**let slip** to say without intending to —**slip up** to make a mistake

slip[2] (slip) ***n.*** [< MDu *slippen*, to cut] **1** a stem, root, etc. of a plant, used for planting or grafting **2** a young, slim person **3** a small piece of paper

slip'case' ***n.*** a boxlike container for a book or books, open at one end

slip'cov'er ***n.*** a removable, fitted cloth cover for a chair, sofa, etc.

slip'knot' ***n.*** a knot that will slip along the rope around which it is tied

slip·page (slip'ij) ***n.*** a slipping, as of one gear past another

slipped disk a ruptured cartilaginous disk between vertebrae

slip·per (slip'ər) ***n.*** a light, low shoe easily slipped on the foot, esp. one for indoor wear —**slip'pered** ***adj.***

slip·per·y (slip'ər ē, slip'rē) ***adj.*** **-i·er, -i·est** **1** liable to cause slipping, as a wet surface **2** tending to slip away, as from a grasp **3** unreliable; deceitful

slip'shod' (-shäd') ***adj.*** [< obs. *slip-shoe*, a slipper] careless, as in workmanship

slip'-up' ***n.*** [Inf.] an error: also **slip'up'**

slit (slit) ***vt.*** **slit, slit'ting** [ME *slitten*] **1** to cut or split open, esp. lengthwise **2** to cut into strips —***n.*** a straight, narrow cut, opening, etc.

slith·er (slith'ər) ***vi.*** [< OE *slidan*, to slide] to slip, slide, or glide along —**slith'er·y** ***adj.***

sliv·er (sliv'ər) ***n.*** [< OE *slifan*, to split] a thin, sharp piece cut or split off; splinter —***vt., vi.*** to cut or break into slivers

slob (släb) ***n.*** [Ir *slab*, mud] [Inf.] a sloppy or coarse person

slob·ber (släb'ər) ***vi.*** [prob. < LowG *slubberen*, to swig] to drool

sloe (slō) ***n.*** [OE *sla*] **1** the blackthorn **2** its small, plumlike fruit

sloe'-eyed' ***adj.*** **1** having large, dark eyes **2** having almond-shaped eyes

sloe gin a liqueur of gin flavored with sloes

slog (släg) ***vt., vi.*** **slogged, slog'ging** [ME *sluggen*, go slowly] **1** to make (one's way) with great effort; plod **2** to toil (at) —***n.*** an arduous trip, task, etc. —**slog'ger** ***n.***

slo·gan (slō'gən) ***n.*** [< Gael *sluagh*, a host + *gairm*, a call: orig., a battle cry] **1** a motto associated with a political party, etc. **2** a catchy phrase used in advertising

sloop (slo͞op) ***n.*** [< LowG *slupen*, to glide] a sailing vessel having a single mast with a mainsail and a jib

slop (släp) ***n.*** [OE *sloppe*] **1** watery snow or mud; slush **2** a puddle of spilled liquid **3** unappetizing, watery food **4** [*often pl.*] liquid waste —***vi., vt.*** **slopped, slop'ping** to spill or splash

slope (slōp) ***n.*** [< OE *slupan*, to glide] **1** rising or falling ground **2** any inclined line, surface, etc.; slant **3** the amount or degree of deviation from the horizontal or vertical —***vi.*** **sloped, slop'ing** to have an upward or downward inclination; incline; slant —***vt.*** to cause to slope

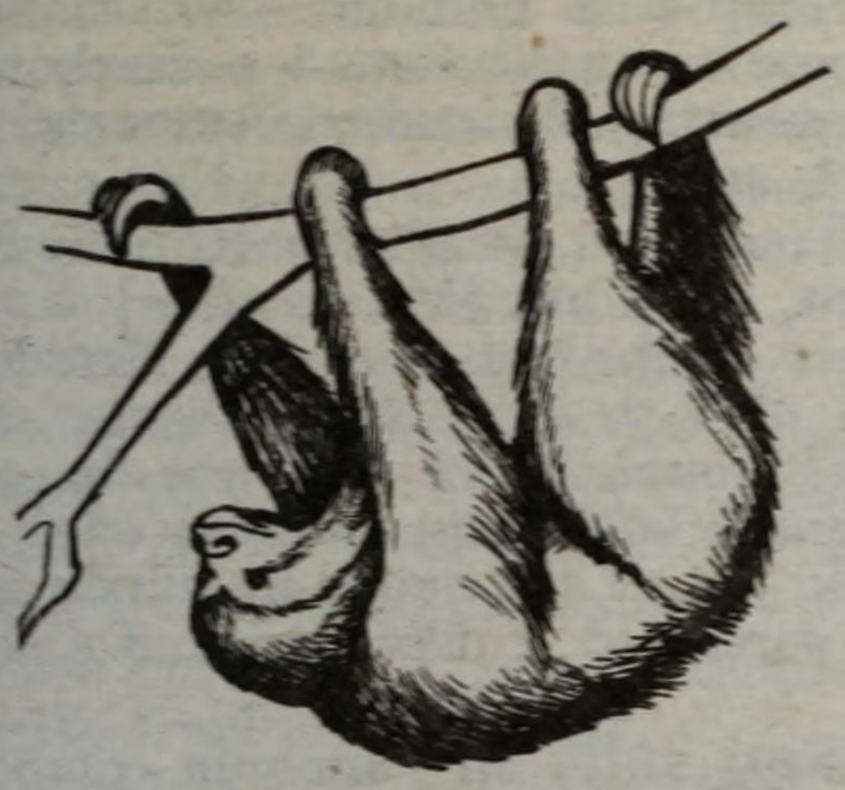
slop·py (släp'ē) ***adj.*** **-pi·er, -pi·est** **1** splashy; slushy **2** *a*) slovenly *b*) slipshod **3** [Inf.] gushingly sentimental —**slop'pi·ness** ***n.***

sloppy Joe (jō) ground meat cooked with tomato sauce, spices, etc. and served on a bun

slosh (släsh) ***vi.*** [var. of SLUSH] **1** to splash through water, mud, etc. **2** to splash about: said of a liquid —***n.*** the sound of sloshing liquid —**slosh'y** ***adj.***

slot (slät) ***n.*** [< OFr *esclot*, hollow between the breasts] **1** a narrow opening, as for a coin in a vending machine **2** [Inf.] a position in a group, etc. —***vt.*** **slot'ted, slot'ting** **1** to make a slot in **2** [Inf.] to place in a series or sequence

sloth (slôth, släth; *also* slōth) ***n.*** [< OE *slaw*, slow] **1** laziness; idleness **2** a slow-moving, tree-dwelling mammal of tropical America that hangs, back down, from branches —**sloth'ful** ***adj.*** —**sloth'ful·ness** ***n.***



THREE-TOED SLOTH

slot machine a machine, specif. a gambling device, activated by the insertion of a coin in a slot

slouch (slouch) *n.* [< ON *slōka*, to droop] **1** a lazy or incompetent person **2** a drooping or slovenly posture —*vi.* to sit, stand, walk, etc. in a slouch —**slouch'y**, **-i·er**, **-i·est**, *adj.*

slough[1] (sluf) *n.* [ME *slouh*, a skin] a castoff layer or covering, as the skin of a snake —*vt.* to throw off; discard

slough[2] (slou) *n.* [OE *sloh*] **1** a place full of soft, deep mud **2** deep, hopeless dejection

Slo·vak (slō'väk', -vak') *n.* **1** a member of a Slavic people living chiefly in Slovakia **2** the language of this people —*adj.* of the Slovaks

Slo·va·ki·a (slō vä'kē ə) country in central Europe: formerly the E republic of Czechoslovakia: 18,933 sq. mi.; pop. 5,297,000

slov·en (sluv'ən) *n.* [prob. < MDu *slof*, lax] a careless, untidy person —**slov'en·ly**, **-li·er**, **-li·est**, *adj.*

Slo·ve·ni·a (slō vē'nē ə) country in SE Europe: 7,819 sq. mi.; pop. 1,966,000 —**Slo·ve'ni·an** or **Slo'vene'** *adj.*, *n.*

slow (slō) *adj.* [OE *slaw*] **1** not quick in understanding **2** taking a longer time than is usual **3** marked by low speed, etc.; not fast **4** behind the correct time, as a clock **5** passing tediously; dull —*vt.*, *vi.* to make or become slow or slower: often with *up* or *down* —*adv.* in a slow manner —**slow'ly** *adv.* —**slow'ness** *n.*

slow'down' *n.* a slowing down, as of production

slow'-mo'tion *adj.* **1** moving slowly **2** designating a film or taped TV sequence showing the action slowed down

slow'poke' (-pōk') *n.* [Slang] a person who acts or moves slowly

slow'-wit'ted *adj.* mentally slow; dull

SLR *n.* [*s*(*ingle*) *l*(*ens*) *r*(*eflex*)] a camera allowing the photographer to see the subject through the same lens that brings the image to the film

slub (slub) *n.* [< ?] a soft, thick lump or irregularity in yarn or fabric

sludge (sluj) *n.* [var. of *slutch*, mud] any heavy, slimy deposit, sediment, etc.

slue (sl$\bar{oo}$) *vt.*, *vi.* **slued**, **slu'ing** [< ?] to turn or swing around, as on a pivot

slug[1] (slug) *n.* [ME *slugge*, clumsy one] a small mollusk like a shell-less snail

slug[2] (slug) *n.* [prob. < prec.] a small piece of metal; specif., a bullet or counterfeit coin

slug[3] (slug) *n.* [prob. < Dan *sluge*, to gulp] [Slang] a drink of liquor

slug[4] (slug) [Inf.] *vt.* **slugged**, **slug'ging** [< ON *slag*] to hit hard, esp. with the fist or a bat —*n.* a hard blow or hit —**slug'ger** *n.*

slug·gard (slug'ərd) *n.* [< ME *sluggen*, be lazy] a lazy person

slug'gish (-ish) *adj.* [< SLUG[1]] **1** lacking energy or alertness **2** slow or slow-moving **3** not functioning with normal vigor —**slug'gish·ness** *n.*

sluice (sl$\bar{oo}$s) *n.* [< L *excludere*, to shut out] **1** an artificial channel for water, with a gate to regulate the flow **2** such a gate: also **sluice gate** **3** any channel for excess water **4** a sloping trough, as for washing gold ore —*vt.* **sluiced**, **sluic'ing** **1** to draw off through a sluice **2** to wash with water from a sluice

slum (slum) *n.* [< ?] a populous area characterized by poverty, poor housing, etc. —*vi.* **slummed**, **slum'ming** to visit a slum, etc. for reasons held to be condescending —**slum'my**, **-mi·er**, **-mi·est**, *adj.*

slum·ber (slum'bər) *vi.* [OE *sluma*] **1** to sleep **2** to be inactive —*n.* **1** sleep **2** an inactive state

slum'lord' *n.* [Slang] an absentee landlord who exploits slum property

slump (slump) *vi.* [prob. < Ger] **1** to fall or sink suddenly **2** to slouch —*n.* a decline in activity, prices, performance, etc.

slung (sluŋ) *vt.* *pt. & pp. of* SLING

slunk (sluŋk) *vi.* *pt. & pp. of* SLINK

slur (sl$\bar{ur}$) *vt.* **slurred**, **slur'ring** [prob. < MDu *sleuren*, to drag] **1** to pass over lightly: often with *over* **2** to pronounce indistinctly **3** to disparage **4** *Music* to produce (successive notes) by gliding without a break —*n.* **1** a slurring **2** an aspersion **3** *Music* a curved line connecting notes to be slurred

slurp (sl$\bar{ur}$p) [Slang] *vt.*, *vi.* [Du *slurpen*, to sip] to drink or eat noisily —*n.* a loud sipping or sucking sound

slur·ry (sl$\bar{ur}$'ē) *n.*, *pl.* **-ries** [< MDu *slore*, thin mud] a thin, watery mixture of clay, cement, etc.

slush (slush) *n.* [prob. < Scand] **1** partly melted snow or ice **2** soft mud **3** sentimentality; drivel —**slush'y**, **-i·er**, **-i·est**, *adj.*

slush fund money used for bribery, political pressure, etc.

slut (slut) *n.* [ME *slutte*] **1** a dirty, slovenly woman **2** a sexually promiscuous woman: a derogatory term —**slut'tish** *adj.*

sly (slī) *adj.* **sli'er** or **sly'er**, **sli'est** or **sly'est** [< ON *slœgr*] **1** skillful at trickery; crafty **2** cunningly underhanded **3** playfully mischievous —**on the sly** secretly —**sly'ly** or **sli'ly** *adv.* —**sly'ness** *n.*

smack[1] (smak) *n.* [OE *smæc*] **1** a slight taste or flavor **2** a small amount; trace —*vi.* to have a smack (*of*)

smack[2] (smak) ***n.*** ⟦< ?⟧ **1** a sharp noise made by parting the lips suddenly **2** a loud kiss **3** a slap —***vt.*** **1** to part (the lips) with a smack **2** to slap loudly —***adv.*** **1** with a smack **2** directly

smack[3] (smak) ***n.*** ⟦prob. < Du *smak*⟧ a fishing boat with a well for keeping fish alive

smack[4] (smak) ***n.*** ⟦< ?⟧ [Slang] heroin

smack'er ***n.*** [Old Slang] a dollar

small (smôl) ***adj.*** ⟦OE *smæl*⟧ **1** comparatively little in size; not big **2** little in quantity, extent, duration, etc. **3** of little importance; trivial **4** young *[small* children*]* **5** mean; petty **6** lowercase —***n.*** the small part *[*the *small* of the back*]*

small arms firearms of small caliber, as pistols, rifles, etc.

small fry ⟦see FRY[2]⟧ **1** children **2** persons considered insignificant

small intestine the narrow section of the intestines, extending from the stomach to the large intestine

small'-mind'ed ***adj.*** mean, narrow-minded, or selfish

small'pox' ***n.*** an acute, contagious viral disease characterized by fever and pustules

small talk light conversation about common, everyday things; chitchat

small'-time' ***adj.*** [Inf.] minor or petty

smarm·y (smär'mē) ***adj.*** **-i·er, -i·est** ⟦< *smarm*, to smear⟧ [Inf., Chiefly Brit.] flattering in an insincere way

smart (smärt) ***vi.*** ⟦OE *smeortan*⟧ **1** *a)* to cause sharp, stinging pain, as a slap does *b)* to feel such pain **2** to feel mental distress or irritation —***n.*** **1** a stinging sensation **2** [*pl.*] [Slang] intelligence —***adj.*** **1** causing sharp pain **2** sharp, as pain **3** brisk; lively *[*a *smart* pace*]* **4** intelligent **5** neat; trim **6** stylish **7** [Inf.] insolent **8** *Comput. a)* working by means of a computer or microchip *b)* programmed in advance —**smart'ly** ***adv.*** —**smart'ness** ***n.***

smart al·eck or **smart al·ec** (al'ik) ⟦prec. + *Aleck*, dim. of *Alexander*⟧ [Inf.] an offensively conceited person

smart bomb [Mil. Slang] a guided missile directed to its target by electronic means

smart'en ***vt., vi.*** to make or become smart or smarter: usually with *up*

smash (smash) ***vt., vi.*** ⟦prob. < MASH⟧ **1** to break into pieces with noise or violence **2** to hit, collide, or move with force **3** to destroy or be destroyed —***n.*** **1** a hard, heavy hit **2** a violent, noisy breaking **3** a violent collision **4** a popular success

smash'ing ***adj.*** [Inf.] extraordinary

smash'up' ***n.*** **1** a violent wreck or collision **2** total failure; ruin

smat·ter·ing (smat'ər iŋ) ***n.*** ⟦ME *smateren*, to chatter⟧ **1** a slight knowledge **2** a small number or limited amount

smear (smir) ***vt.*** ⟦< OE *smerian*, to anoint⟧ **1** to cover or soil with something greasy, sticky, etc. **2** to apply (something greasy, etc.) **3** to streak by rubbing **4** to slander —***vi.*** to be or become smeared —***n.*** **1** a mark made by smearing **2** slander —**smear'y, -i·er, -i·est,** ***adj.***

smell (smel) ***vt.*** **smelled** or [Chiefly Brit.] **smelt, smell'ing** ⟦ME *smellen*⟧ **1** to be aware of through the nose; detect the odor of **2** to sense the presence of *[*to *smell* trouble*]* —***vi.*** **1** to use the sense of smell; sniff **2** to have an odor **3** to stink —***n.*** **1** the sense by which odors are perceived **2** odor; scent **3** a smelling

smelling salts an ammonia compound sniffed to relieve faintness

smell'y ***adj.*** **-i·er, -i·est** having an unpleasant smell

smelt[1] (smelt) ***n.*** ⟦OE⟧ a small, silvery food fish found esp. in northern seas

smelt[2] (smelt) ***vt.*** ⟦< MDu *smelten*⟧ **1** to melt (ore, etc.) so as to extract the pure metal **2** to refine (metal) in this way

smelt[3] (smelt) ***vt., vi.*** *chiefly Brit. pt. & pp. of* SMELL

smelt'er ***n.*** **1** one whose work is smelting **2** a place for smelting

smidg·en (smij'ən) ***n.*** ⟦prob. < dial. *smidge*, particle⟧ [Inf.] a small amount; bit: also **smidg'in** or **smidge**

smile (smīl) ***vi.*** **smiled, smil'ing** ⟦ME *smilen*⟧ to show pleasure, amusement, affection, etc. by an upward curving of the mouth —***vt.*** to express with a smile —***n.*** the act or expression of smiling —**smil'ing·ly** ***adv.***

smirch (smurch) ***vt.*** ⟦prob. < OFr *esmorcher*, to hurt⟧ **1** to soil or stain **2** to dishonor —***n.*** **1** a smudge; smear **2** a stain on reputation, etc.

smirk (smurk) ***vi.*** ⟦< OE *smearcian*, to smile⟧ to smile in a conceited or complacent way —***n.*** such a smile

smite (smīt) ***vt.*** **smote, smit'ten** or **smote, smit'ing** ⟦OE *smitan*⟧ **1** to strike with powerful effect **2** to affect or impress strongly

smith (smith) ***n.*** **1** one who makes or repairs metal objects **2** *short for* BLACKSMITH

Smith (smith), Captain **John** 1580?-1631; Eng. colonist in America

smith·er·eens (smith'ər ēnz') ***pl.n.*** ⟦Ir *smidirīn*⟧ [Inf.] fragments; bits

smith·y (smith'ē) ***n., pl.*** **-ies** the workshop of a smith, esp. a blacksmith

smock (smäk) ***n.*** ⟦OE *smoc*⟧ a loose, shirtlike outer garment worn to protect the clothes

smock'ing ***n.*** decorative stitching used to gather cloth and make it hang in folds

smog (smäg, smôg) ***n.*** ⟦SM(OKE) + (F)OG⟧ a low-lying, perceptible layer of polluted air —**smog'gy, -gi·er, -gi·est,** ***adj.***

smoke (smōk) ***n.*** ⟦OE *smoca*⟧ **1** the vaporous matter arising from something burning **2** any vapor, etc. like this **3** an act of smoking tobacco, etc. **4** a cigarette, cigar, etc. —***vi.*** **smoked, smok'ing** **1** to give off smoke **2** *a)* to draw in and exhale the smoke of tobacco, etc. *b)* to be a habitual user of cigarettes, etc. —***vt.*** **1** to cure (meat, etc.) with smoke **2** to use (a pipe, ciga-

rette, etc.) in smoking **3** to drive out as with smoke —**smoke out** to force out of hiding —**smoke'less** *adj.* —**smok'er** *n.*

smoke detector a warning device that sets off a loud signal when excessive smoke or heat is detected

smoke'house' *n.* a building where meats, fish, etc. are cured with smoke

smoke screen **1** a cloud of smoke for hiding troop movements, etc. **2** anything said or done to conceal or mislead

smoke'stack' *n.* a pipe for discharging smoke from a factory, etc.

smok·y (smō'kē) *adj.* **-i·er, -i·est** **1** giving off smoke **2** of or like smoke **3** filled with smoke —**smok'i·ness** *n.*

smol·der (smōl'dər) *vi.* [ME *smoldren*] **1** to burn and smoke without flame **2** to exist in a suppressed state —*n.* a smoldering

smooch (smo͞och) *n.*, *vt.*, *vi.* [Slang] kiss

smoosh (smo͞osh) *vt.* [Inf.] *alt. sp. of* SMUSH

smooth (smo͞oth) *adj.* [OE *smoth*] **1** having an even surface, with no roughness **2** without lumps **3** even or gentle in movement *[a smooth voyage]* **4** free from interruptions, obstacles, etc. **5** pleasing to the taste; not harsh or bitter **6** having an easy, flowing rhythm or sound **7** polished or ingratiating, esp. in an insincere way —*vt.* **1** to make level or even **2** to remove lumps or wrinkles from **3** to free from difficulties, etc.; make easy **4** to make calm; soothe **5** to polish or refine —*adv.* in a smooth manner —**smooth'ly** *adv.* —**smooth'ness** *n.*

smooth muscle involuntary muscle tissue occurring in the uterus, stomach, blood vessels, etc.

smooth'-spo'ken *adj.* speaking in a pleasing, persuasive, or polished manner

smor·gas·bord or **smör·gås·bord** (smôr'gəs bôrd', smur'-) *n.* [Swed] a wide variety of appetizers, cheeses, meats, etc., served buffet style

smote (smōt) *vt.*, *vi.* *pt. & alt. pp. of* SMITE

smoth·er (smuth'ər) *vt.* [< ME *smorther*, dense smoke] **1** to keep from getting air; suffocate **2** to cover over thickly **3** to stifle *[to smother a yawn]* —*vi.* to be suffocated

smoul·der (smōl'dər) *vi.*, *n.* *Brit. sp. of* SMOLDER

smudge (smuj) *vt.*, *vi.* **smudged, smudg'ing** [ME *smogen*] to make or become dirty; smear —*n.* **1** a dirty spot **2** a fire made to produce dense smoke —**smudg'y, -i·er, -i·est,** *adj.*

smug (smug) *adj.* **smug'ger, smug'gest** [prob. < LowG *smuk*, trim, neat] annoyingly self-satisfied; complacent —**smug'ly** *adv.* —**smug'ness** *n.*

smug·gle (smug'əl) *vt.* **-gled, -gling** [< LowG *smuggeln*] **1** to bring into or take out of a country secretly or illegally **2** to bring, take, etc. secretly —*vi.* to practice smuggling —**smug'gler** *n.*

smush (smoosh) *vt.* [Inf.] to smash, squeeze, etc.

smut (smut) *n.* [< LowG *smutt*] **1** a particle of soot **2** a fungal disease of plants **3** indecent talk, writing, etc. —**smut'ty, -ti·er, -ti·est,** *adj.*

Sn [L *stannum*] *Chem. symbol for* tin

snack (snak) *n.* [< ME *snaken*, to bite] a light meal between regular meals —*vi.* to eat a snack

snack bar a counter for serving snacks

snag (snag) *n.* [< Scand] **1** a sharp point or projection **2** an underwater tree stump or branch **3** a tear, as in cloth, made by a snag, etc. **4** an unexpected or hidden difficulty, etc. —*vt.* **snagged, snag'ging** **1** to catch, tear, etc. on a snag **2** to impede with a snag

snail (snāl) *n.* [OE *snægl*] a slow-moving mollusk having a wormlike body and a spiral protective shell

snake (snāk) *n.* [OE *snaca*] **1** a long, scaly, limbless reptile with a tapering tail **2** a treacherous or deceitful person **3** a plumber's tool for clearing pipes —*vi.* **snaked, snak'ing** to move, twist, etc. like a snake —**snake'like'** *adj.*

snak·y (snā'kē) *adj.* **-i·er, -i·est** **1** of or like a snake or snakes **2** winding; twisting **3** cunningly treacherous or evil

snap (snap) *vi.*, *vt.* **snapped, snap'ping** [< MDu *snappen*] **1** to bite or grasp suddenly: with *at* **2** to speak or utter sharply: often with *at* **3** to break suddenly **4** to make or cause to make a sudden, cracking sound **5** to close, fasten, etc. with this sound **6** to move or cause to move suddenly and smartly *[to snap to attention]* **7** to take a snapshot (of) —*n.* **1** a sudden bite, grasp, etc. **2** a sharp cracking sound *[the snap of a whip]* **3** a short, angry way of speaking **4** a brief period of cold weather **5** a fastening that closes with a click **6** a hard, thin cookie **7** *short for* SNAPSHOT **8** [Inf.] alertness or vigor **9** [Slang] an easy job, problem, etc. —*adj.* **1** made or done quickly *[a snap decision]* **2** that fastens with a snap **3** [Slang] easy —**snap back** to recover quickly —**snap out of it** to improve or recover quickly —**snap'per** *n.*

snap bean a green bean or wax bean

snap'drag'on *n.* [SNAP + DRAGON: from the mouth-shaped flowers] a plant with saclike, two-lipped flowers

snap'pish *adj.* **1** likely to bite **2** irritable

snap'py *adj.* **-pi·er, -pi·est** **1** cross; irritable **2** that snaps **3** [Inf.] *a)* brisk or lively *b)* sharply chilly **4** [Inf.] stylish

snap'shot' *n.* an informal photograph taken with a hand camera

snare (sner) *n.* [< ON *snara*] **1** a trap for small animals **2** anything dangerous, etc. that tempts or attracts **3** a length of wire or gut across the bottom of a drum —*vt.* **snared, snar'ing** to catch as in a snare; trap

snarl[1] (snärl) *vi.* [< earlier *snar*, to growl] **1** to growl, baring the teeth, as a dog does **2** to speak sharply, as in anger —*vt.* to utter with a snarl —*n.* a fierce growl —**snarl'ing·ly** *adv.*

snarl[2] (snärl) *n.*, *vt.*, *vi.* [< SNARE] tangle

—**snarl'y**, **-i·er**, **-i·est**, ***adj.***

snatch (snach) ***vt.*** ⟦ME *snacchen*⟧ to take suddenly, specif. without right or warning —***vi.*** **1** to try to seize; grab (*at*) **2** to take advantage of a chance, etc. eagerly: with *at* —***n.*** **1** a snatching **2** a brief period **3** a fragment; bit

sneak (snēk) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** **sneaked** or [Inf.] **snuck**, **sneak'ing** ⟦prob. < OE *snican*, to crawl⟧ to move, act, give, put, take, etc. secretly or stealthily —***n.*** **1** one who sneaks **2** a sneaking —***adj.*** without warning *[a sneak* attack*]* —**sneak'y**, **-i·er**, **-i·est**, ***adj.***

sneak'er ***n.*** a shoe with a canvas upper and a soft rubber sole

sneak preview an advance showing of a film, as for evaluating audience reaction

sneer (snir) ***vi.*** ⟦ME *sneren*⟧ **1** to show scorn as by curling the upper lip **2** to express derision, etc. in speech or writing —***n.*** a sneering

sneeze (snēz) ***vi.*** **sneezed**, **sneez'ing** ⟦ME *snesen*⟧ to exhale breath from the nose and mouth in an involuntary, explosive action —***n.*** a sneezing

snick·er (snik'ər) ***vi.*** ⟦echoic⟧ to laugh in a sly, partly stifled way —***n.*** a snickering

snide (snīd) ***adj.*** ⟦prob. < Du dial.⟧ slyly malicious or derisive

sniff (snif) ***vi.***, ***vt.*** ⟦ME *sniffen*⟧ **1** to draw in (air) forcibly through the nose **2** to express (disdain, etc.) by sniffing **3** to smell by sniffing —***n.*** **1** an act or sound of sniffing **2** something sniffed

snif·fle (snif'əl) ***vi.*** **-fled**, **-fling** to sniff repeatedly, as in checking mucus running from the nose —***n.*** an act or sound of sniffling —**the sniffles** [Inf.] a head cold

snif·ter (snif'tər) ***n.*** ⟦< *snift*, var. of SNIFF⟧ a goblet tapering to a small opening to concentrate the aroma, as of brandy

snig·ger (snig'ər) ***vi.***, ***n.*** ⟦echoic⟧ SNICKER

snip (snip) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** **snipped**, **snip'ping** ⟦Du *snippen*⟧ to cut or cut off in a short, quick stroke, as with scissors —***n.*** **1** a small piece cut off **2** [Inf.] a young or insignificant person

snipe (snīp) ***n.*** ⟦< ON *snipa*⟧ a long-billed wading bird —***vi.*** **sniped**, **snip'ing** to shoot from a hidden position, as at individuals —**snip'er** ***n.***

snip·pet (snip'it) ***n.*** ⟦dim. of SNIP⟧ a small piece or scrap, specif. of information

snip'py ***adj.*** **-pi·er**, **-pi·est** [Inf.] insolently curt, sharp, etc.

snit (snit) ***n.*** ⟦< ? prec. + (F)IT[2]⟧ a fit of anger, resentment, etc.: usually **in** (or **into**) **a snit**

snitch (snich) [Slang] ***vt.*** to steal; pilfer —***vi.*** to tattle (*on*) —***n.*** an informer

sniv·el (sniv'əl) ***vi.*** **-eled** or **-elled**, **-el·ing** or **-el·ling** ⟦ME *snivelen*⟧ **1** to cry and sniffle **2** to complain and whine **3** to make a tearful, often false display of grief, etc. —**sniv'el·er** ***n.***

snob (snäb) ***n.*** ⟦< ?⟧ one who disdains supposed inferiors —**snob'bish** ***adj.*** —**snob'bish·ness** or **snob'ber·y** ***n.***

snood (snōōd) ***n.*** ⟦OE *snod*⟧ a baglike net worn at the back of a woman's head to hold the hair

snook·er (snook'ər) ***n.*** a variety of the game of pool —***vt.*** [Slang] to deceive

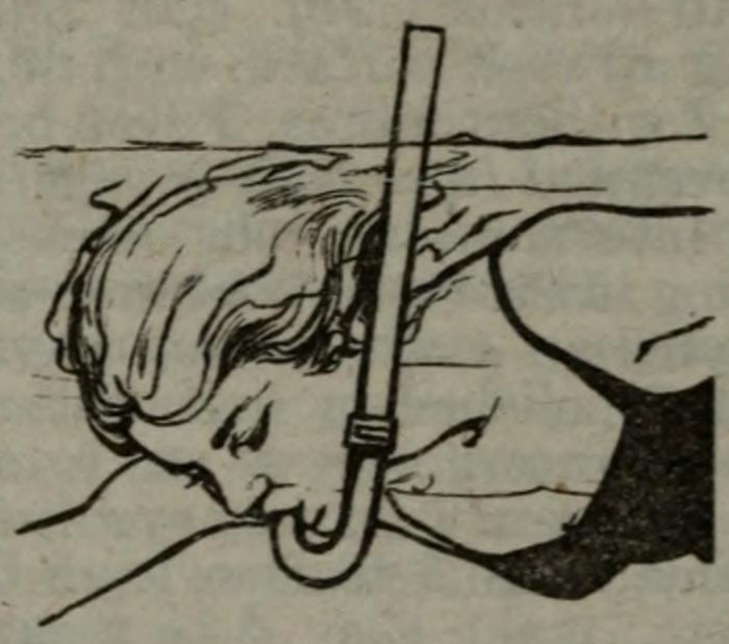
snoop (snōōp) [Inf.] ***vi.*** ⟦Du *snoepen*, eat on the sly⟧ to pry about in a sneaking way —***n.*** one who snoops: also **snoop'er** —**snoop'y**, **-i·er**, **-i·est**, ***adj.***

snoot (snōōt) ***n.*** ⟦see SNOUT⟧ [Inf.] the nose

snoot'y ***adj.*** **-i·er**, **-i·est** [Inf.] haughty; snobbish —**snoot'i·ness** ***n.***

snooze (snōōz) ***n.***, ***vi.*** ⟦< LowG *snusen*, to snore⟧ **snoozed**, **snooz'ing** [Inf.] nap; doze —**snooz'er** ***n.***

snore (snôr) ***vi.*** **snored**, **snor'ing** ⟦see SNARL[1]⟧ to breathe, while asleep, with harsh sounds —***n.*** the act or sound of snoring —**snor'er** ***n.***



SNORKEL

snor·kel (snôr'kəl) ***n.*** ⟦Ger *schnorchel*, inlet⟧ a breathing tube extending above the water, used in swimming just below the surface —***vi.*** **-keled**, **-kel·ing** to swim underwater using a snorkel —**snor'kel·er** ***n.***

snort (snôrt) ***vi.*** **1** to force breath audibly through the nostrils **2** to express contempt, etc. by a snort —***vt.*** **1** to express with a snort **2** [Slang] to inhale (a drug) through the nose —***n.*** **1** a snorting **2** [Slang] a quick drink of liquor

snot (snät) ***n.*** ⟦OE (*ge*)*snot*, mucus⟧ [Slang] **1** nasal mucus: considered mildly vulgar **2** an impudent young person —**snot'ty**, **-ti·er**, **-ti·est**, ***adj.***

snout (snout) ***n.*** ⟦prob. < MDu *snute*⟧ the projecting nose and jaws of an animal

snow (snō) ***n.*** ⟦OE *snaw*⟧ **1** frozen particles of water vapor that fall to earth as soft, white flakes **2** a falling of snow —***vi.*** to fall as or like snow —***vt.*** **1** to cover or obstruct with snow: with *in*, *up*, *under*, etc. **2** [Slang] to deceive or mislead —**snow under** **1** to overwhelm with work, etc. **2** to defeat decisively —**snow'y**, **-i·er**, **-i·est**, ***adj.***

snow'ball' ***n.*** a mass of snow packed into a ball —***vi.*** to grow rapidly like a ball of snow rolling downhill

snow'bank' ***n.*** a large mass of snow

Snow'belt' the NE and Midwestern U.S., characterized by cold, snowy winters: also **Snow Belt**

snow'board' ***n.*** a board somewhat like

a small surfboard, for sliding down snowy hills for sport —*vi.* to use a snowboard —**snow'board'er** *n.*

snow'bound' *adj.* shut in or blocked off by snow

snow'cone' *n.* crushed ice mixed with a flavored syrup, served in a paper cone

snow'drift' *n.* a heap of snow piled up by the wind

snow'drop' *n.* a small plant with small, bell-shaped, white flowers

snow'fall' *n.* a fall of snow or the amount of this in a given area or time

snow fence a light fence of lath and wire to control the drifting of snow

snow'flake' *n.* a single snow crystal

snow'man' (-man') *n., pl.* **-men'** (-men') a crude human figure made of snow packed together

snow'mo·bile' *n.* a motor vehicle with steerable runners at the front and tractor treads at the rear —*vi.* **-biled'**, **-bil'ing** to travel by snowmobile

snow'plow' *n.* a plowlike machine used to clear snow off a road, etc.

snow'shoe' *n.* one of a pair of racket-shaped wooden frames crisscrossed with leather strips, etc., worn on the feet to prevent sinking in deep snow

snow'storm' *n.* a storm with a heavy snowfall

snow'suit' *n.* a child's heavily lined, hooded garment, for cold weather

snow tire a tire with a deep tread for added traction on snow or ice

snub (snub) *vt.* **snubbed**, **snub'bing** [< ON *snubba*, chide] **1** to treat with scorn, disdain, etc. **2** to check suddenly the movement of (a rope, etc.) —*n.* scornful treatment —*adj.* short and turned up: said of a nose

snub'-nosed' *adj.* **1** having a snub nose **2** having a short barrel: said of a handgun

snuck (snuk) *vi., vt.* [Inf.] *alt. pt. & pp. of* SNEAK

snuff[1] (snuf) *vt.* [ME] **1** to trim off the charred end of (a wick) **2** to put out (a candle) —**snuff out** **1** to extinguish **2** to destroy —**snuff'er** *n.*

snuff[2] (snuf) *vt., vi.* [< MDu *snuffen*] to sniff or smell —*n.* **1** a sniff **2** powdered tobacco taken up into the nose or put on the gums —**up to snuff** [Inf.] up to the usual standard

snuff'box' *n.* a small box for snuff

snuf·fle (snuf'əl) *n., vi.* **-fled**, **-fling** [< SNUFF[2]] SNIFFLE

snug (snug) *adj.* **snug'ger**, **snug'gest** [prob. < Scand] **1** warm and cozy **2** neat; trim *[a snug cottage]* **3** tight in fit —**snug'ly** *adv.*

snug'gle (-əl) *vi., vt.* **-gled**, **-gling** [< prec.] to nestle; cuddle

so (sō) *adv.* [OE *swa*] **1** as shown or described *[hold the bat just so]* **2** *a)* to such an extent *[why are you so late?] b)* very *[they are so happy] c)* [Inf.] very much *[she so wants to go]* **3** therefore *[they were tired, and so left]* **4** more or less *[fifty dollars or so]* **5** also; likewise *[I am going, and so are you]* **6** then *[and so to bed]* —*conj.* **1** in order (*that*) **2** with the result that —*pron.* that which has been specified or named *[he is a friend and will remain so]* —*interj.* used to express surprise, triumph, etc. —*adj.* true *[that's so]* —**and so on** (or **forth**) and the rest; et cetera —**so as** with the purpose or result —**so what?** [Inf.] even if so, what then?

soak (sōk) *vt.* [OE *socian*] **1** to make thoroughly wet **2** to take in; absorb: usually with *up* **3** [Inf.] to overcharge —*vi.* **1** to stay in a liquid for wetting, softening, etc. **2** to penetrate —*n.* **1** a soaking or being soaked **2** [Slang] a drunkard

so'-and-so' *n., pl.* **so'-and-sos'** [Inf.] an unspecified person or thing: often used euphemistically

soap (sōp) *n.* [OE *sape*] **1** a substance, usually a salt derived from fatty acids, used with water to produce suds for washing **2** [Slang] SOAP OPERA —*vt.* to lather, etc. with soap —**no soap** [Slang] (it is) not acceptable —**soap'y**, **-i·er**, **-i·est**, *adj.*

soap'box' *n.* any improvised platform used in speaking to a street audience

soap opera [Inf.] a radio or television serial melodrama

soap'stone' *n.* a soft, impure talc in rock form, used as an insulator, etc.

soap'suds' *pl.n.* foamy, soapy water

soar (sôr) *vi.* [ult. < L *ex-*, out + *aura*, air] **1** to rise or fly high into the air **2** to glide along high in the air **3** to rise above the usual level

So·a·ve (sə wä'vā, swä'vā) *n.* [It] an Italian dry white wine

sob (säb) *vi.* **sobbed**, **sob'bing** [ME *sobben*] to weep aloud with short, gasping breaths —*vt.* to utter with sobs —*n.* the act or sound of sobbing

so·ber (sō'bər) *adj.* [< L *sobrius*] **1** temperate, esp. in the use of liquor **2** not drunk **3** serious, reasonable, sedate, etc. **4** not flashy; plain —*vt., vi.* to make or become sober: often with *up* —**so'ber·ly** *adv.* —**so'ber·ness** *n.*

so·bri·e·ty (sə brī'ə tē) *n.* a being sober; specif., *a)* temperance, esp. in the use of liquor *b)* seriousness

so·bri·quet (sō'brə kā', -ket') *n.* [Fr] **1** a nickname **2** an assumed name

soc *abbrev.* **1** social **2** socialist **3** society

so'-called' *adj.* **1** known by this term **2** inaccurately or questionably designated as such *[a so-called liberal]*

soc·cer (säk'ər) *n.* [alt. < (*as*)*soc*(*iation football*)] a team game played by kicking a round ball

so·cia·ble (sō'shə bəl) *adj.* [see fol.] **1** friendly; gregarious **2** characterized by informal conversation and companionship —**so'cia·bil'i·ty** *n.* —**so'cia·bly** *adv.*

so·cial (sō'shəl) *adj.* [< L *socius*, companion] **1** of or having to do with human beings, etc. in their living together **2** living with others; gregarious *[man as a social being]* **3** of or having to do with society, esp. fashionable society **4** sociable **5** of or for companionship **6** of or doing welfare work —*n.* an informal gathering —**so'cial·ly** *adv.*

social disease any venereal disease

so′cial·ism′ *n.* **1** a theory or system of ownership of the means of production and distribution by society rather than by individuals **2** [*often* **S-**] a political movement for establishing such a system —**so′cial·ist** *n., adj.* —**so′cial·is′tic** *adj.*

so·cial·ite (sō′shə līt′) *n.* a person prominent in fashionable society

so′cial·ize′ (-shə līz′) *vt.* **-ized′**, **-iz′ing** **1** to make fit for living in a group **2** to subject to governmental ownership or control —*vi.* to take part in social activity —**so′cial·i·za′tion** *n.*

socialized medicine a system supplying complete medical and hospital care to all through public funds

social science a field of study, as economics or anthropology, dealing with the structure, etc. of society —**social scientist**

Social Security [*sometimes* **s- s-**] a federal system of old-age, unemployment, or disability insurance

social studies a course of study including history, geography, etc.

social work any service or activity promoting the welfare of the community and the individual, as through counseling services, etc. —**social worker**

so·ci·e·ty (sə sī′ə tē) *n., pl.* **-ties** [< L *socius*, companion] **1** a group of persons, etc. forming a single community **2** the system of living together in such a group **3** all people, collectively **4** companionship **5** an organized group with some interest in common **6** the wealthy, dominant class —**so·ci′e·tal** (-təl) *adj.*

Society of Friends a Christian denomination that believes in plain worship, pacifism, etc.: see also QUAKER

so·ci·o·e·co·nom·ic (sō′sē ō ē′kə näm′ik, -shē-; -ek′ə-) *adj.* of or involving both social and economic factors

so·ci·ol·o·gy (sō′sē äl′ə jē, -shē-) *n.* [see SOCIAL & -LOGY] the science of social relations, organization, and change —**so′ci·o·log′i·cal** (-ə lä′ji kəl) *adj.* —**so′ci·ol′o·gist** *n.*

so·ci·o·path (sō′sē ə path′, -shē-) *n.* an aggressively antisocial psychopath

sock[1] (säk) *n., pl.* **socks** or **sox** [< L *soccus*, type of light shoe] a short stocking —**sock away** [Inf.] to set aside (money) as savings

sock[2] (säk) [Slang] *vt.* to hit with force —*n.* a blow

sock·et (säk′it) *n.* [< OFr *soc*, plowshare] a hollow part into which something fits *[an eye socket]*

sock·eye salmon (säk′ī′) a red-fleshed salmon of the N Pacific

Soc·ra·tes (säk′rə tēz′) 470?-399 B.C.; Athenian philosopher & teacher —**So·crat·ic** (sə krat′ik) *adj., n.*

sod (säd) *n.* [prob. < MDu *sode*] **1** a surface layer of earth containing grass with its roots; turf **2** a piece of this —*vt.* **sod′ded**, **sod′ding** to cover with sod

so·da (sō′də) *n.* [ML] **1** *a*) SODIUM BICARBONATE *b*) SODA WATER *c*) SODA POP **2** a confection of soda water mixed with syrup and having ice cream in it

soda cracker a light, crisp cracker made from flour, water, and leavening, orig. baking soda

soda fountain a counter for making and serving soft drinks, sodas, etc.

soda pop a flavored, carbonated soft drink

soda water **1** water charged under pressure with carbon dioxide gas **2** SODA POP

sod·den (säd′′n) *adj.* **1** soaked through **2** soggy from improper cooking **3** dull or stupefied, as from liquor —**sod′den·ly** *adv.*

so·di·um (sō′dē əm) *n.* [< *soda*] an alkaline, metallic chemical element

sodium bicarbonate a white powder, used in baking powder, as an antacid, etc.

sodium chloride common salt

sodium hydroxide a caustic base used in oil refining, etc.

sodium nitrate a clear, crystalline salt used in explosives, fertilizers, etc.

sodium pen·to·thal (pen′tə thôl′) a yellowish powder injected in solution as a general anesthetic

Sod·om and Go·mor·rah (säd′əm and gə môr′ə) *Bible* two sinful cities destroyed by fire

sod·om·y (säd′ə mē) *n.* [after *Sodom*] any sexual intercourse held to be abnormal —**sod′om·ite′** (-mīt′) *n.*

so·fa (sō′fə) *n.* [< Ar *ṣuffa*, a platform] an upholstered couch with fixed back and arms

sofa bed a sofa that can be opened into a bed

So·fi·a (sō′fē ə, sō fē′ə) capital of Bulgaria: pop. 1,116,000

soft (sôft) *adj.* [OE *softe*, gentle] **1** giving way easily under pressure **2** easily cut, marked, shaped, etc. *[a soft metal]* **3** not as hard as is normal, desirable, etc. *[soft butter]* **4** smooth to the touch **5** easy to digest: said of a diet **6** nonalcoholic: said of drinks **7** having few of the mineral salts that keep soap from lathering **8** mild, as a breeze **9** weak; not vigorous **10** easy *[a soft job]* **11** kind or gentle **12** not bright: said of color or light **13** gentle; low: said of sound —*adv.* gently; quietly —**soft′ly** *adv.* —**soft′ness** *n.*

soft′ball′ *n.* **1** a kind of baseball played with a larger ball **2** this ball

soft′-boiled′ *adj.* boiled a short time to keep the yolk soft: said of an egg

soft coal BITUMINOUS COAL

soft drink a nonalcoholic drink, esp. one that is carbonated

soft·en (sôf′ən) *vt., vi.* to make or become soft or softer —**soft′en·er** *n.*

soft′heart′ed *adj.* **1** full of compassion **2** not strict or severe; lenient

soft landing a landing of a spacecraft without damage to the craft or its contents

soft money money donated to a political party but not for a particular candidate

soft palate the soft, fleshy part at the rear of the roof of the mouth; velum
soft′-ped′al *vt.* **-aled** or **-alled**, **-al·ing** or **-al·ling** ‖from pedal to soften an instrument's tone‖ [Inf.] to make less emphatic; tone down; play down
soft sell selling that relies on subtle inducement or suggestion
soft soap [Inf.] flattery or smooth talk —**soft′-soap′** *vt.*
soft′ware′ *n.* the programs, routines, etc. for a computer
soft′wood′ *n.* **1** any light, easily cut wood **2** the wood of any tree bearing cones, as the pine
soft′y *n., pl.* **soft′ies** [Inf.] one who is too sentimental or trusting
sog·gy (säg′ē, sôg′ē) *adj.* **-gi·er**, **-gi·est** ‖prob. < ON *sea*, a sucking‖ soaked; moist and heavy —**sog′gi·ness** *n.*
soil[1] (soil) *n.* ‖< L *solum*‖ **1** the surface layer of earth, supporting plant life **2** land; country *[*native *soil]* **3** ground or earth *[*barren *soil]*
soil[2] (soil) *vt.* ‖ult. < L *sus*, pig‖ **1** to make dirty; stain **2** to disgrace —*vi.* to become soiled or dirty —*n.* a soiled spot; stain
soi·ree or **soi·rée** (swä rā′) *n.* ‖< Fr *soir*, evening‖ an evening party
so·journ (sō′jurn; *also, for v.*, sō jurn′) *vi.* ‖< L *sub-*, under + *diurnus*, of a day‖ to live somewhere temporarily —*n.* a brief stay; visit
sol (sōl) *n.* ‖< ML‖ *Music* the fifth tone of the diatonic scale
Sol (säl) *n.* ‖L‖ **1** *Rom. Myth.* the sun god **2** the sun personified
sol·ace (säl′is) *n.* ‖< L *solacium*‖ **1** an easing of grief, loneliness, etc. **2** a comfort or consolation —*vt.* **-aced**, **-ac·ing** to comfort; console
so·lar (sō′lər) *adj.* ‖< L *sol*, the sun‖ **1** of or having to do with the sun **2** produced by or coming from the sun
solar battery an assembly of cells (**solar cells**) used to convert solar energy into electric power
so·lar·i·um (sō ler′ē əm) *n., pl.* **-i·a** (-ē ə) ‖< L *sol*, sun‖ a glassed-in porch, etc. to sun oneself
solar plexus a network of nerves in the abdomen behind the stomach
solar system that portion of our galaxy subject to the sun's gravity; esp., the sun and its planets
sold (sōld) *vt., vi. pt. & pp. of* SELL
sol·der (säd′ər) *n.* ‖ult. < L *solidus*, solid‖ a metal alloy heated and used to join or patch metal parts, etc. —*vt., vi.* to join with solder
sol·dier (sōl′jər) *n.* ‖< LL *solidus*, a coin‖ **1** a member of an army **2** an enlisted person, as distinguished from an officer **3** one who works for a specified cause —*vi.* **1** to serve as a soldier **2** to proceed stubbornly (*on*) —**sol′dier·ly** *adj.*
soldier of fortune a mercenary or any adventurer
sole[1] (sōl) *n.* ‖< L *solum*, a base‖ **1** the bottom surface of the foot **2** the part of a shoe, etc. corresponding to this —*vt.* **soled**, **sol′ing** to furnish (a shoe, etc.) with a sole
sole[2] (sōl) *adj.* ‖< L *solus*‖ without another; single; one and only
sole[3] (sōl) *n., pl.* **sole** or **soles** ‖< L *solea*, SOLE[1]: from its shape‖ a sea flatfish valued as food
sol·e·cism (säl′ə siz′əm) *n.* ‖< Gr *soloikos*, speaking incorrectly‖ a violation of the conventional usage, grammar, etc. of a language
sole·ly (sōl′lē) *adv.* **1** alone **2** only, exclusively, or merely
sol·emn (säl′əm) *adj.* ‖< L *sollemnis*, annual, hence religious: said of festivals‖ **1** sacred **2** formal **3** serious; grave; earnest —**sol′emn·ly** *adv.*
so·lem·ni·ty (sə lem′nə tē) *n., pl.* **-ties** **1** solemn ceremony, ritual, etc. **2** seriousness; gravity
sol·em·nize (säl′əm nīz′) *vt.* **-nized′**, **-niz′ing** **1** to celebrate formally or according to ritual **2** to perform the ceremony of (marriage, etc.)
so·le·noid (sō′lə noid′, sä′-) *n.* ‖< Gr *sōlēn*, channel + *eidos*, a form‖ a coil of wire with a movable iron core, used as an electromagnetic switch
so·lic·it (sə lis′it) *vt., vi.* ‖see SOLICITOUS‖ **1** to appeal to (persons) for (aid, donations, etc.) **2** to entice or lure —**so·lic′i·ta′tion** *n.*
so·lic′i·tor *n.* **1** one who solicits trade, contributions, etc. **2** in England, a lawyer other than a barrister **3** the law officer for a city, etc.
so·lic·i·tous (sə lis′ə təs) *adj.* ‖< L *sollus*, whole + *ciere*, set in motion‖ **1** showing care or concern *[solicitous* for her welfare*]* **2** desirous; eager
so·lic′i·tude′ (-to͞od′) *n.* a being solicitous; care, concern, etc.
sol·id (säl′id) *adj.* ‖< L *solidus*‖ **1** relatively firm or compact; neither liquid nor gaseous **2** not hollow **3** having three dimensions **4** firm; strong; substantial **5** having no breaks or divisions **6** of one color, material, etc. throughout **7** showing unity; unanimous **8** reliable or dependable —*n.* **1** a solid substance, not a liquid or gas **2** an object having length, breadth, and thickness —**sol′id·ly** *adv.* —**sol′id·ness** *n.*
sol·i·dar·i·ty (säl′ə dar′ə tē) *n.* complete unity, as of opinion or feeling
so·lid·i·fy (sə lid′ə fī′) *vt., vi.* **-fied′**, **-fy′ing** to make or become solid, hard, etc. —**so·lid′i·fi·ca′tion** *n.*
so·lid′i·ty (-tē) *n.* a being solid
sol′id-state′ *adj.* **1** of the branch of physics dealing with the structure, properties, etc. of solids **2** equipped with transistors, etc.
so·lil·o·quy (sə lil′ə kwē) *n., pl.* **-quies** ‖< L *solus*, alone + *loqui*, speak‖ **1** a talking to oneself **2** lines in a drama spoken by a character as if to himself or herself —**so·lil·o·quize** (sə lil′ə kwīz′), **-quized′**, **-quiz′ing**, *vi., vt.*
sol·i·taire (säl′ə ter′) *n.* ‖Fr: see fol.‖ **1** a diamond or other gem set by itself **2** a card game for one player
sol′i·tar′y (-ter′ē) *adj.* ‖< L *solus*, alone‖ **1** living or being alone **2** single; only *[*a

solitary example*]* **3** lonely; remote **4** done in solitude

sol′i·tude′ (-to͞od′) ***n.*** ⟦see prec.⟧ **1** a being solitary, or alone; seclusion **2** a secluded place

so·lo (sō′lō) ***n.***, *pl.* **-los** or **-li** (-lē) ⟦It < L *solus*, alone⟧ **1** a musical piece or passage to be performed by one person **2** any performance by one person alone —***adj.*** for or by a single person —***adv.*** alone —***vi.*** **-loed**, **-lo·ing** to perform a solo —**so′lo·ist** ***n.***

Sol·o·mon (säl′ə mən) ***n.*** *Bible* king of Israel noted for his wisdom

Solomon Islands country on a group of islands in the SW Pacific, east of New Guinea: 10,954 sq. mi.; pop. 286,000

So·lon (sō′lən, -län′) 640?-559? B.C.; Athenian statesman & lawgiver

so long [Inf.] GOODBYE

sol·stice (säl′stis, sōl′-) ***n.*** ⟦< L *sol*, sun + *sistere*, to stand⟧ the time of the year when the sun reaches the point farthest north (about June 21) or farthest south (about Dec. 21) of the equator: in the Northern Hemisphere, the **summer solstice** and **winter solstice**, respectively

sol·u·ble (säl′yə bəl) ***adj.*** ⟦see SOLVE⟧ **1** that can be dissolved **2** capable of being solved

sol·ute (säl′yo͞ot′) ***n.*** the substance dissolved in a solution

so·lu·tion (sə lo͞o′shən) ***n.*** ⟦see fol.⟧ **1** the solving of a problem **2** an answer, explanation, etc. **3** the dispersion of one substance in another, usually a liquid, so as to form a homogeneous mixture **4** the mixture so produced

solve (sälv, sôlv) ***vt.*** **solved**, **solv′ing** ⟦< L *se-*, apart + *luere*, let go⟧ to find the answer to (a problem, etc.) —**solv′a·ble** ***adj.*** —**solv′er** ***n.***

sol·vent (säl′vənt, sôl′-) ***adj.*** ⟦see prec.⟧ **1** able to pay all one's debts **2** that can dissolve another substance —***n.*** a substance that can dissolve another substance —**sol′ven·cy** ***n.***

So·ma·li·a (sō mä′lē ə) country of E Africa, on the Indian Ocean: 246,201 sq. mi.; pop. 9,200,000

so·mat·ic (sō mat′ik) ***adj.*** ⟦< Gr *sōma*, body⟧ of the body; physical

somatic cell any of the cells that form the tissues and organs of the body: opposed to GERM CELL

som·ber (säm′bər) ***adj.*** ⟦< L *sub*, under + *umbra*, shade⟧ **1** dark and gloomy **2** melancholy **3** solemn Also [Chiefly Brit.] **som′bre** —**som′ber·ly** ***adv.***

som·bre·ro (säm brer′ō) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ros** ⟦Sp < *sombra*, shade: see prec.⟧ a broad-brimmed, tall-crowned hat worn in Mexico, the Southwest, etc.

some (sum) ***adj.*** ⟦OE *sum*⟧ **1** certain but not specified or known *[*open *some* evenings*]* **2** of a certain unspecified quantity, degree, etc. *[*have *some* candy*]* **3** about *[some* ten of them*]* **4** [Inf.] remarkable, striking, etc. *[*it was *some* fight*]* —***pron.*** a certain unspecified number, quantity, etc. *[some* of them agree*]* —***adv.*** **1** approximately *[some* ten men*]* **2** [Inf.] to some extent; somewhat *[*slept *some]* **3** [Inf.] to a great extent or at a great rate *[*must run *some* to catch up*]* —**and then some** [Inf.] and more than that

-some[1] (səm) ⟦OE *-sum*⟧ *suffix* tending to (be) *[tiresome]*

-some[2] (sōm) ⟦< Gr *sōma*, body⟧ *combining form* body *[chromosome]*

some·bod·y (sum′bäd′ē, -bud′ē) ***pron.*** a person unknown or not named; some person; someone —***n.***, *pl.* **-bod′ies** a person of importance

some′day′ ***adv.*** at some future day or time

some′how′ ***adv.*** in a way or by a method not known or stated: often in **somehow or other**

some′one′ ***pron.*** SOMEBODY

som·er·sault (sum′ər sôlt′) ***n.*** ⟦< L *supra*, over + *saltus*, a leap⟧ an acrobatic stunt performed by turning the body one full revolution, heels over head —***vi.*** to perform a somersault

some′thing ***pron.*** **1** a thing not definitely known, understood, etc. *[something* went wrong*]* **2** a definite but unspecified thing *[*have *something* to eat*]* **3** a bit; a little —***n.*** [Inf.] an important or remarkable person or thing —***adv.*** **1** somewhat *[*looks *something* like me*]* **2** [Inf.] really; quite *[*sounds *something* awful*]* —**something else** [Slang] one that is quite remarkable

some′time′ ***adv.*** at some unspecified or future time —***adj.*** **1** former **2** occasional

some′times′ ***adv.*** occasionally

some′way′ ***adv.*** in some way: also **some′ways′**

some′what′ ***pron.*** some degree, part, amount, etc. —***adv.*** to some extent or degree; a little

some′where′ ***adv.*** **1** in, to, or at some place not known or specified **2** at some time, degree, age, etc. (with *about, around, near, in, between*, etc.)

som·nam·bu·lism (säm nam′byo͞o liz′əm) ***n.*** ⟦< L *somnus*, sleep + *ambulare*, to walk⟧ sleepwalking —**som·nam′bu·list** ***n.***

som·no·lent (säm′nə lənt) ***adj.*** ⟦< L *somnus*, sleep⟧ **1** sleepy **2** inducing drowsiness —**som′no·lence** ***n.***

son (sun) ***n.*** ⟦OE *sunu*⟧ **1** a boy or man as he is related to his parents **2** a male descendant —**the Son** Jesus Christ

so·nar (sō′när′) ***n.*** ⟦*so(und) n(avigation) a(nd) r(anging)*⟧ an apparatus that transmits sound waves in water, used to find depths, etc.

so·na·ta (sə nät′ə) ***n.*** ⟦It < L *sonare*, to sound⟧ a musical composition for one or two instruments, usually consisting of several movements

song (sôŋ) ***n.*** ⟦OE *sang*⟧ **1** the act or art of singing **2** a piece of music for singing **3** *a)* [Old Poet.] poetry *b)* a lyric set to music **4** a sound like singing —**for a song** [Inf.] for a small sum; cheap

song′bird′ ***n.*** a bird that makes vocal sounds that are like music

song′fest′ ***n.*** ⟦SONG + -FEST⟧ an informal gathering of people for singing, esp. folk songs

song′ster (-stər) ***n.*** a singer — **song′stress** (-stris) ***fem.n.***

son·ic (sän′ik) ***adj.*** [< L *sonus*, a sound] of or having to do with sound or the speed of sound

sonic boom the explosive sound of a supersonic jet passing overhead

son′-in-law′ ***n.***, *pl.* **sons′-in-law′** the husband of one's daughter

son·net (sän′it) ***n.*** [ult. < L *sonus*, a sound] a poem normally of fourteen lines in any of several rhyme schemes

son·ny (sun′ē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-nies** little son: used as a familiar term of address to a young boy

So·no·ra (sô nô′rä) state of NW Mexico: 71,403 sq. mi.; pop. 1,824,000

so·no·rous (sə nôr′əs, sän′ər əs) ***adj.*** [< L *sonor*, a sound] **1** producing sound; resonant **2** full, deep, or rich in sound —**so·nor′i·ty** (-ə tē), *pl.* **-ties**, ***n.***

soon (so͞on) ***adv.*** [OE *sona*, at once] **1** in a short time *[*will *soon* be there*]* **2** promptly; quickly *[*as *soon* as possible*]* **3** ahead of time; early *[*we left too *soon*] **4** readily; willingly *[*as *soon* go as stay*]* —**sooner or later** inevitably; eventually

soot (so͝ot) ***n.*** [OE *sot*] a black substance consisting chiefly of carbon particles, in the smoke of burning matter —**soot′y**, **-i·er**, **-i·est**, ***adj.***

sooth (so͞oth) ***n.*** [OE *soth*] [Archaic] truth

soothe (so͞oth) ***vt.*** **soothed**, **sooth′ing** [OE *sothian*, prove true] **1** to make calm or composed, as by gentleness or flattery **2** to relieve (pain, etc.) — **sooth′er** ***n.*** —**sooth′ing** ***adj.***

sooth·say·er (so͞oth′sā′ər) ***n.*** [ME *soth-seyere*, one who speaks the truth] [Historical] a person who professes to predict the future —**sooth′say′ing** ***n.***

sop (säp) ***n.*** [OE *sopp*] **1** a piece of food, as bread, soaked in milk, etc. **2** *a)* something given to appease *b)* a bribe —***vt.***, ***vi.*** **sopped**, **sop′ping** **1** to soak, steep, etc. **2** to take up (liquid) by absorption: usually with *up*

SOP *abbrev.* standard operating procedure

soph·ism (säf′iz′əm) ***n.*** [< Gr *sophos*, clever] a clever and plausible but fallacious argument

soph′ist ***n.*** one who uses clever, specious reasoning —**so·phis·ti·cal** (sə fis′ti kəl) ***adj.***

so·phis·ti·cate (sə fis′tə kāt′; *for n., usually*, -kit) ***vt.*** **-cat′ed**, **-cat′ing** [ult. < Gr *sophistēs*, wise man] to change from a natural or simple state; make worldly-wise —***n.*** a sophisticated person

so·phis′ti·cat′ed ***adj.*** **1** not simple, naive, etc.; worldly-wise or knowledgeable, subtle, etc. **2** for sophisticated people **3** highly complex or developed —**so·phis′ti·ca′tion** ***n.***

soph·ist·ry (säf′is trē) ***n.*** misleading but clever reasoning

Soph·o·cles (säf′ə klēz′) 496?-406 B.C.; Gr. writer of tragic dramas

soph·o·more (säf′môr′, säf′ə môr′) ***n.*** [< obs. *sophumer*, sophism] a student in the second year of college or the tenth grade in high school —***adj.*** of or for sophomores

soph′o·mor′ic ***adj.*** of or like sophomores; seen as opinionated, immature, etc.

-so·phy (sə fē) [< Gr *sophia*, wisdom] *combining form* knowledge

sop·o·rif·ic (säp′ə rif′ik, sō′pə-) ***adj.*** [< L *sopor*, sleep + -FIC] causing sleep —***n.*** a soporific drug, etc.

sop·py (säp′ē) ***adj.*** **-pi·er**, **-pi·est** **1** very wet: also **sop′ping** **2** [Inf.] sentimental

so·pra·no (sə pran′ō, -prä′nō) ***n.***, *pl.* **-nos** or **-ni** [It < *sopra*, above] **1** the range of the highest voice of women or boys **2** a voice, singer, or instrument with such a range **3** a part for a soprano —***adj.*** of or for a soprano

sor·bet (sôr bā′, sôr′bət) ***n.*** [Fr < Ar *sharba(t)*, a drink] a tart ice, as of fruit juice

sor·cer·y (sôr′sər ē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ies** [< L *sors*, lot, chance] **1** in the belief of some, the use of an evil supernatural power over people **2** charm, influence, etc. — **sor′cer·er** ***n.*** —**sor′cer·ess** ***fem.n.***

sor·did (sôr′did) ***adj.*** [< L *sordes*, filth] **1** dirty; filthy **2** squalid; wretched **3** base; ignoble; mean —**sor′did·ly** ***adv.*** — **sor′did·ness** ***n.***

sore (sôr) ***adj.*** **sor′er**, **sor′est** [OE *sar*] **1** giving or feeling pain; painful **2** filled with grief **3** causing irritation *[*a *sore* point*]* **4** [Inf.] angry; offended —***n.*** a sore, usually infected spot on the body —***adv.*** [Archaic] greatly —**sore′ness** ***n.***

sore′head′ ***n.*** [Inf.] a person easily angered, made resentful, etc.

sore′ly ***adv.*** **1** grievously; painfully **2** urgently *[sorely* needed*]*

sor·ghum (sôr′gəm) ***n.*** [< It *sorgo*] **1** a cereal grass grown for grain, syrup, fodder, etc. **2** syrup made from its juices

so·ror·i·ty (sə rôr′ə tē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ties** [< L *soror*, sister] a group of women or girls joined together for fellowship, etc., as in some colleges

sor·rel[1] (sôr′əl, sär′-) ***n.*** [< OFr *surele*] any of various plants with edible sour leaves

sor·rel[2] (sôr′əl, sär′-) ***n.*** [< OFr *sor*, light brown] **1** light reddish brown **2** a horse, etc. of this color

sor·row (sär′ō, sôr′ō) ***n.*** [OE *sorg*] **1** mental suffering caused by loss, disappointment, etc.; grief **2** that which causes such suffering —***vi.*** to grieve — **sor′row·ful** ***adj.*** —**sor′row·ful·ly** ***adv.***

sor·ry (sär′ē, sôr′ē) ***adj.*** **-ri·er**, **-ri·est** [< OE *sar*, sore] **1** full of sorrow, pity, or regret **2** inferior; poor **3** wretched — **sor′ri·ly** ***adv.*** —**sor′ri·ness** ***n.***

sort (sôrt) ***n.*** [< L *sors*, lot, chance] **1** any group of related things; kind; class **2** quality or type —***vt.*** to arrange according to class or kind —**of sorts** of an inferior kind: also **of a sort** —**out of sorts** [Inf.] not in good humor or health —**sort of** [Inf.] somewhat

sor·tie (sôrt′ē) ***n.*** [Fr < *sortir*, go out] **1** a quick raid by forces from a besieged place **2** one mission by a single military plane

SOS (es′ō′es′) ***n.*** a signal of distress, as in wireless telegraphy

so′-so′ ***adv.***, ***adj.*** just passably or passable; fair

sot (sät) ***n.*** [< ML *sottus,* a fool] a drunkard —**sot′tish** ***adj.***

sot·to vo·ce (sät′ō vō′chē) [It, under the voice] in a low voice, so as not to be overheard

souf·flé (sōō flā′) ***n.*** [Fr < L *sufflare*, puff out] a baked food made light and puffy by beaten egg whites added before baking

sough (sou, suf) ***n.*** [OE *swogan,* to sound] a soft sighing or rustling sound —***vi.*** to make a sough

sought (sôt) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** *pt. & pp. of* SEEK

soul (sōl) ***n.*** [OE *sawol*] **1** an entity without material reality, regarded as the spiritual part of a person **2** the moral or emotional nature of a person **3** spiritual or emotional warmth, force, etc. **4** vital or essential part, quality, etc. **5** a person *[I didn't see a soul]* **6** the deep spiritual and emotional quality of black American culture; also, the expression of this, as in music —***adj.*** of, for, or like black Americans

soul food [Inf.] food items, as chitterlings, popular orig. in the South, esp. among blacks

soul′ful ***adj.*** full of deep feeling —**soul′ful·ly** ***adv.*** —**soul′ful·ness** ***n.***

soul mate [Inf.] a person, esp. of the opposite sex, with whom one has a deeply personal relationship

sound[1] (sound) ***n.*** [< L *sonus*] **1** that which is heard, resulting from stimulation of auditory nerves by vibrations (**sound waves**) in the air; also the vibrations **2** the distance within which a sound may be heard; earshot **3** the mental impression produced *[the sound of his report]* —***vi.*** **1** to make a sound **2** to seem upon being heard *[to sound troubled]* —***vt.*** **1** to cause to sound **2** to signal, express, etc. **3** to utter distinctly *[to sound one's r's]* —**sound′less** ***adj.***

sound[2] (sound) ***adj.*** [OE *(ge)sund*] **1** free from defect, damage, or decay **2** healthy *[a sound body]* **3** safe; stable *[a sound bank]* **4** based on valid reasoning; sensible **5** thorough; forceful *[a sound defeat]* **6** deep and undisturbed: said of sleep **7** honest, loyal, etc. —***adv.*** deeply *[sound asleep]* —**sound′ly** ***adv.*** —**sound′ness** ***n.***

sound[3] (sound) ***n.*** [< OE & ON *sund*] **1** a wide channel linking two large bodies of water or separating an island from the mainland **2** a long inlet or arm of the sea

sound[4] (sound) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** [< L *sub,* under + *unda,* a wave] **1** to measure the depth of (water), esp. with a weighted line **2** to try to find out the opinions of (a person), usually subtly: often with *out* —**sound′ing** ***n.***

sound barrier the large increase of air resistance of some aircraft flying near the speed of sound

sound bite a brief, quotable remark, as by a politician, suitable for use in radio or TV news

sounding board **1** something to increase resonance or reflect sound: often **sound′board′** **2** a person on whom one tests one's ideas, etc.

sound′proof′ ***adj.*** that keeps sound from coming through —***vt.*** to make soundproof

sound′stage′ ***n.*** an enclosed soundproof area for producing films or TV shows

sound′track′ ***n.*** the sound portion of a film

soup (sōōp) ***n.*** [Fr *soupe*] a liquid food made by cooking meat, vegetables, etc. in water, milk, etc. —**soup up** [Slang] to increase the capacity for speed of (an engine, etc.)

soup·çon (sōōp sōn′) ***n.*** [Fr < L *suspicio,* suspicion] **1** a slight trace, as of a flavor **2** a tiny bit

soup·y (sōō′pē) ***adj.*** **-i·er**, **-i·est** **1** watery like soup **2** [Inf.] foggy

sour (sour) ***adj.*** [OE *sur*] **1** having the sharp, acid taste of vinegar, etc. **2** made acid or rank by fermentation **3** cross; bad-tempered **4** distasteful or unpleasant —***vt.***, ***vi.*** to make or become sour —**sour′ly** ***adv.*** —**sour′ness** ***n.***

source (sôrs) ***n.*** [< L *surgere*, to rise] **1** a spring, etc. from which a stream arises **2** a place or thing from which something originates or develops **3** a person, book, etc. that provides information

sour cream thickened and soured cream

sour·dough (sour′dō′) ***n.*** **1** bread made from fermented dough **2** a lone prospector for gold, etc., as in the W U.S.

sour grapes a scorning of something only because it cannot be had or done

sour′puss′ (-pŏŏs′) ***n.*** [Slang] a gloomy or disagreeable person

souse (sous) ***n.*** [< OHG *sulza*, brine] **1** a pickled food, as pigs' feet **2** liquid for pickling; brine **3** a plunging into a liquid **4** [Slang] a drunkard —***vt.***, ***vi.*** **soused**, **sous′ing** **1** to pickle **2** to plunge into a liquid **3** to make or become soaking wet

soused ***adj.*** [Slang] drunk

south (south) ***n.*** [OE *suth*] **1** the direction to the left of one facing the sunset (180° on the compass) **2** a region in or toward this direction —***adj.*** **1** in, of, or toward the south **2** from the south —***adv.*** in or toward the south —**go south** [Inf.] to decline, deteriorate, fail, etc. —**the South** that part of the U.S. south of Pennsylvania and the Ohio River, and generally east of the Mississippi; specif., the states that formed the Confederacy

South Africa country in southernmost Africa: 472,855 sq. mi.; pop. 37,714,000

South America S continent in the Western Hemisphere: *c.* 6,900,000 sq. mi.; pop. *c.* 318,000,000 —**South American**

South Bend city in N Indiana: pop. 106,000

South Car·o·li·na (kar′ə lī′nə) state of the SE U.S.: 30,111 sq. mi.; pop.

3,487,000; cap. Columbia: abbrev. *SC* — **South Car'o·lin'i·an** (-lin'ē ən)

South China Sea arm of the W Pacific, between SE Asia & the Philippines

South Da·ko·ta (də kōt'ə) Midwestern state of the U.S.: 75,898 sq. mi.; pop. 696,000; cap. Pierre: abbrev. *SD* — **South Da·ko'tan**

south'east' *n.* **1** the direction halfway between south and east **2** a region in or toward this direction —*adj.* **1** in, of, or toward the southeast **2** from the southeast —*adv.* in or toward the southeast —**south'east'er·ly** *adj., adv.* — **south'east'ern** *adj.* —**south'east'ward** *adv., adj.* —**south'east'wards** *adv.*

south·er·ly (su*th*'ər lē) *adj., adv.* **1** toward the south **2** from the south

south·ern (su*th*'ərn) *adj.* **1** in, of, or toward the south **2** from the south **3** of the south

south'ern·er *n.* a person born or living in the south

Southern Hemisphere that half of the earth south of the equator

southern lights [*also* **S- L-**] aurora australis

south·paw (south'pô') *n.* [Slang] a left-handed person; esp., a left-handed baseball pitcher

South Pole the southern end of the earth's axis

South Sea Islands the islands in the S Pacific

south'ward *adv., adj.* toward the south: also **south'wards** *adv.*

south'west' *n.* **1** the direction halfway between south and west **2** a region in or toward this direction —*adj.* **1** in, of, or toward the southwest **2** from the southwest *[a southwest wind]* —*adv.* toward or in the southwest — **south'west'er·ly** *adj., adv.* — **south'west'ern** *adj.* —**south'west'ward** *adv., adj.* —**south'west'wards** *adv.*

sou·ve·nir (sōō'və nir') *n.* [< Fr < L *subvenire*, come to mind] something kept as a reminder

sov·er·eign (säv'rən, -ər in) *adj.* [< L *super*, above] **1** above all others; chief; supreme **2** supreme in power, rank, etc. **3** independent of all others *[a sovereign state]* —*n.* **1** a monarch or ruler **2** a British gold coin worth one pound: no longer minted

sov'er·eign·ty *n.* **1** the status, rule, etc. of a sovereign **2** supreme and independent political authority

so·vi·et (sō'vē et') *n.* [Russ *sovyet*, council] **1** in Russia, Uzbekistan, and, formerly, the Soviet Union, any of the various elected governing councils, local, intermediate, and national **2** any similar council in a socialist governing system —*adj.* [**S-**] of or connected with the Soviet Union

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sow[1] (sou) *n.* [OE *sugu*] an adult female pig

sow[2] (sō) *vt.* **sowed, sown** (sōn) or **sowed, sow'ing** [OE *sawan*] **1** to scatter (seed) for growing **2** to plant seed in (a field, etc.) **3** to spread or scatter —*vi.* to sow seed —**sow'er** *n.*

sox (säks) *n. alt. pl. of* SOCK[1]

soy (soi) *n.* [Jpn] **1** a dark, salty sauce made from fermented soybeans: in full **soy sauce** **2** the soybean plant or its seeds Also [Chiefly Brit.] **soy·a** (soi'ə)

soy'bean' *n.* **1** a plant widely grown for its seeds, which contain much protein and oil **2** its seed

sp *abbrev.* **1** special **2** spelling

Sp *abbrev.* **1** Spain **2** Spanish

spa (spä) *n.* [after *Spa*, resort in Belgium] **1** a health resort having a mineral spring **2** a commercial establishment with exercise rooms, sauna baths, etc.

space (spās) *n.* [< L *spatium*] **1** *a*) the continuous, three-dimensional expanse in which all things are contained *b*) OUTER SPACE **2** *a*) the distance, area, etc. between or within things *b*) room for something *[a parking space]* **3** an interval of time —*vt.* **spaced, spac'ing** to arrange with space or spaces between

space'craft' *n., pl.* **-craft'** any vehicle or satellite for orbiting the earth, for space travel, etc.

spaced'-out' *adj.* [Slang] under or as if under the influence of a drug: also **spaced**

space'flight' *n.* flight in a spacecraft

space heater a small heating unit for a room or other confined area

space'man' (-man', -mən) *n., pl.* **-men'** (-men', -mən) an astronaut or any of the crew of a spaceship

space'port' *n.* a center for assembling, testing, and launching spacecraft

space'ship' *n.* a spacecraft, esp. if manned

space shuttle an airplanelike spacecraft designed to carry personnel and equipment between earth and a space station

space station (or **platform**) a spacecraft in long-term orbit serving as a launch pad, research center, etc.

space'suit' *n.* a garment pressurized for use by astronauts

space'walk' *n.* the act of an astronaut in moving about in space outside a spacecraft

space·y or **spac·y** (spā'sē) *adj.* **-i·er, -i·est** [Slang] **1** SPACED-OUT **2** *a*) eccentric or unconventional *b*) flighty, irresponsible, neurotic, etc. —**spac'i·ness** *n.*

spa·cious (spā'shəs) *adj.* having more than enough space; vast —**spa'cious·ly** *adv.* —**spa'cious·ness** *n.*

Spack·le (spak'əl) [prob. < Ger *spachtel*, spatula] *trademark for* a powder mixed with water to form a paste that dries hard, used to fill holes, cracks, etc. in wallboard, wood, etc. —*n.* [**s-**] this substance —*vt.* **-led, -ling** [**s-**] to fill or cover with spackle

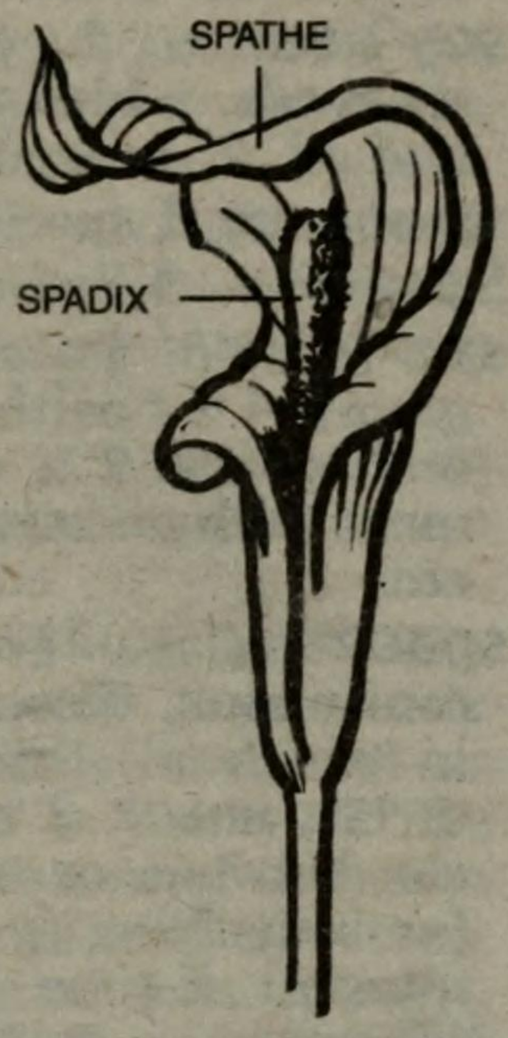
spade[1] (spād) *n.* [OE *spadu*] a flat-bladed, long-handled digging tool, like a shovel —*vt., vi.* **spad'ed, spad'ing** to dig with or as with a spade —**spade'ful** *n.*

spade[2] (spād) *n.* [ult. < Gr *spathē*, flat

blade] **1** any of a suit of playing cards marked with black figures like this ♠ **2** [*pl.*] this suit

spade'work' ***n.*** preparatory work for some main project, esp. when tiresome

spa·dix (spā'diks) ***n.***, *pl.* **-dix·es** or **-di·ces'** (-də sēz') [ult. < Gr] a spike of tiny flowers, usually enclosed in a spathe



spa·ghet·ti (spə get'ē) ***n.*** [It < *spago,* small cord] pasta in long, thin strings, boiled or steamed

Spain (spān) country in SW Europe: 190,191 sq. mi.; pop. 38,872,000

spake (spāk) ***vi.***, ***vt.*** *archaic pt. of* SPEAK

span (span) ***n.*** [OE *sponn*] **1** the distance (about 9 in.) between the tips of the thumb and little finger **2** *a*) the full extent between any two limits *b*) the distance between ends or supports *[the span* of an arch*] c*) the full duration (*of*) *[a span* of attention*]* **3** a part between two supports —***vt.*** **spanned**, **span'ning** **1** to measure, esp. by the span of the hand **2** to extend over

Span *abbrev.* Spanish

span·dex (span'deks') ***n.*** [< EXPAND] an elastic synthetic fiber used in girdles, etc.

span·gle (spaŋ'gəl) ***n.*** [< OE *spang*, a clasp] a small piece of bright metal sewn on fabric for decoration —***vt.*** **-gled**, **-gling** to decorate as with spangles

Span·iard (span'yərd) ***n.*** a person born or living in Spain

span·iel (span'yəl) ***n.*** [< MFr *espagnol,* lit., Spanish] any of several breeds of dog with large, drooping ears and a dense, wavy coat

Span·ish (span'ish) ***adj.*** of Spain or its people, language, etc. —***n.*** the language of Spain and Spanish America —**the Spanish** the people of Spain

Spanish America those countries south of the U.S. in which Spanish is the chief language —**Span'ish-A·mer'i·can** ***adj.***, ***n.***

Spanish moss a rootless plant that grows in long, graceful strands from tree branches in the SE U.S.

spank (spaŋk) ***vt.*** [echoic] to strike with the open hand, etc., esp. on the buttocks, as in punishment —***n.*** a smack given in spanking

spank'ing ***adj.*** **1** swiftly moving **2** brisk: said of a breeze —***adv.*** [Inf.] completely *[spanking* new*]*

spar[1] (spär) ***n.*** [< ON *sparri* or MDu *sparre*] any pole, as a mast or yard, supporting a sail of a ship

spar[2] (spär) ***vi.*** **sparred**, **spar'ring** [prob. < It *parare,* to parry] **1** to box with feinting movements, landing few heavy blows **2** to wrangle

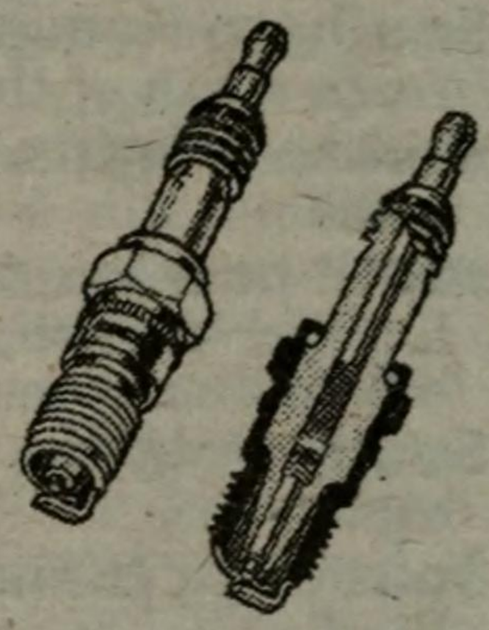
spare (sper) ***vt.*** **spared**, **spar'ing** [OE *sparian*] **1** to refrain from killing, hurting, etc. **2** to save or free (a person) from something **3** to avoid using or use frugally **4** to part with or give up conveniently *[can you spare* a dime?*]* —***adj.*** **1** not in regular use; extra **2** free *[spare* time*]* **3** meager; scanty **4** lean; thin —***n.*** **1** a spare, or extra, thing **2** *Bowling* a knocking down of all the pins with two rolls of the ball —**spare'ly** ***adv.***

spare'ribs' ***pl.n.*** a cut of meat, esp. pork, consisting of the thin end of the ribs

spar'ing ***adj.*** careful; frugal —**spar'ing·ly** ***adv.***

spark (spärk) ***n.*** [OE *spearca*] **1** a glowing bit of matter, esp. one thrown off by a fire **2** any flash or sparkle **3** a particle or trace **4** a brief flash of light accompanying an electric discharge as through air —***vi.*** to make sparks —***vt.*** to stir up; activate

spar·kle (spär'kəl) ***vi.*** **-kled**, **-kling** **1** to throw off sparks **2** to glitter **3** to effervesce or bubble **4** to be brilliant and lively —***n.*** **1** a sparkling **2** brilliance; liveliness —**spar'kler** (-klər) ***n.***



SPARK PLUG

spark plug an electrical device fitted into a cylinder of an engine to ignite the fuel mixture by making sparks

spar·row (spar'ō) ***n.*** [OE *spearwa*] any of numerous small, perching songbirds

sparse (spärs) ***adj.*** [< L *spargere,* scatter] thinly spread; not dense —**sparse'ly** ***adv.*** —**sparse'ness** or **spar'si·ty** (-sə tē) ***n.***

Spar·ta (spärt'ə) ancient city in S Greece: a military power

Spar·tan (spärt''n) ***adj.*** **1** of ancient Sparta or its people or culture **2** like the Spartans; warlike, hardy, disciplined, etc. —***n.*** a Spartan person

spasm (spaz'əm) ***n.*** [< Gr *spasmos*] **1** a sudden, involuntary muscular contraction **2** any sudden, violent, temporary activity, feeling, etc. —***vi.*** to undergo a spasm

spas·mod·ic (spaz mäd'ik) ***adj.*** [see prec. & -OID] of or like spasms; fitful —**spas·mod'i·cal·ly** ***adv.***

spas·tic (spas'tik) ***adj.*** of or characterized by muscular spasms —***n.*** one having spastic paralysis

spat[1] (spat) [Inf.] ***n.*** [prob. echoic] a brief, petty quarrel —***vi.*** **spat'ted**, **spat'ting** to engage in a spat

spat[2] (spat) ***n.*** [< *spatterdash*, a legging] a gaiterlike covering for the instep and ankle

spat[3] (spat) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** *alt. pt. & pp. of* SPIT[2]

spate (spāt) ***n.*** [< ?] an unusually large flow, as of words

spathe (spā*th*) ***n.*** [< L *spatha*, a flat blade] a large, leaflike part enclosing a flower cluster

spa·tial (spā′shəl) ***adj.*** [< L *spatium*, space] of, or existing in, space

spat·ter (spat′ər) ***vt., vi.*** [< ?] **1** to scatter or spurt out in drops **2** to splash —***n.*** **1** a spattering **2** a mark caused by spattering

spat·u·la (spach′ə lə) ***n.*** [L < Gr *spathē*, flat blade] an implement with a broad, flat, flexible blade for spreading or blending foods, paints, etc.

spat′u·late′ (-lāt′) ***adj.*** shaped like a spatula

spav·in (spav′in) ***n.*** [< MFr *esparvain*] a disease that lames horses in the hock joint —**spav′ined** ***adj.***

spawn (spôn) ***vt., vi.*** [< L *expandere:* see EXPAND] **1** to produce or deposit (eggs, sperm, or young) **2** to bring forth or produce prolifically —***n.*** **1** the mass of eggs or young produced by fish, mollusks, etc. **2** something produced, esp. in great quantity, as offspring

spay (spā) ***vt.*** [< Gr *spathē*, flat blade] to sterilize (a female animal) by removing the ovaries

speak (spēk) ***vi.*** **spoke**, **spo′ken**, **speak′ing** [OE *sp(r)ecan*] **1** to utter words; talk **2** to communicate as by talking **3** to make a request (*for*) **4** to make a speech —***vt.*** **1** to make known as by speaking **2** to use (a given language) in speaking **3** to utter (words) —**so to speak** that is to say — **speak out** (or **up**) to speak clearly or freely — **speak to** to respond to, deal with, etc. — **speak well for** to say or indicate something favorable about

speak′-eas′y (-ē′zē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ies** [Old Slang] a place where alcoholic drinks are sold illegally

speak′er ***n.*** **1** one who speaks; esp., *a*) an orator *b*) the presiding officer of various lawmaking bodies *c*) [**S-**] the presiding officer of the U.S. House of Representatives **2** a device for converting electrical signals to audible sound waves

spear (spir) ***n.*** [OE *spere*] **1** a weapon with a long shaft and a sharp point, for thrusting or throwing **2** [var. of SPIRE] a long blade or shoot, as of grass —***vt.*** **1** to pierce or stab with or as with a spear **2** [Inf.] to reach out and catch (a baseball, etc.)

spear′fish′ ***n.***, *pl.* **-fish′** or (for different species) **-fish′es** any of a group of large food and game fishes of the open seas —***vi.*** to fish with a spear, etc.

spear′head′ ***n.*** **1** the pointed head of a spear **2** the leading person or group, as in an attack —***vt.*** to take the lead in (an attack, etc.)

spear′mint′ ***n.*** [prob. from the shape of its flowers] a fragrant plant of the mint family, used for flavoring

spec[1] (spek) [Inf.] ***n.*** *short for:* **1** SPECIFICATION (sense 1) **2** SPECULATION — **on spec** **1** according to specification(s) **2** as a speculation or gamble

spec[2] *abbrev.* **1** special **2** specifically

spe·cial (spesh′əl) ***adj.*** [< L *species*, kind] **1** distinctive or unique **2** exceptional; unusual **3** highly valued **4** of or for a particular purpose, etc. **5** not general; specific —***n.*** a special thing, as, specif., a sale item —**spe′cial·ly** ***adv.***

special delivery mail delivery by a special messenger, for a special fee

spe′cial·ist ***n.*** one who specializes in a particular field of study, work, etc.

spe′cial·ize′ *vi.* **-ized′**, **-iz′ing** to concentrate on a particular branch of study, work, etc. —**spe′cial·i·za′tion** ***n.***

spe′cial·ty ***n.***, *pl.* **-ties** **1** a special quality, feature, etc. **2** a special interest, study, etc.

spe·cie (spē′shē, -sē) ***n.*** [< L *species*, kind] coin, rather than paper money

spe·cies (spē′shēz, -sēz) ***n.***, *pl.* **-cies** [L, appearance, kind] **1** a distinct kind; sort **2** any of the groups of related plants or animals that usually breed only among themselves: similar species form a genus

specif *abbrev.* specifically

spe·cif·ic (spə sif′ik) ***adj.*** [< L *species*, kind + *-ficus*, -FIC] **1** definite; explicit **2** peculiar to or characteristic of something **3** of a particular kind **4** specially indicated as a cure for some disease —***n.*** **1** a specific cure **2** a distinct item or detail; particular —**spe·cif′i·cal·ly** ***adv.***

-spe·cif′ic *combining form* limited or specific to

spec·i·fi·ca·tion (spes′ə fi kā′shən) ***n.*** **1** [*usually pl.*] a statement or enumeration of particulars, as to size, quality, or terms **2** something specified

specific gravity the ratio of the weight or mass of a given volume of a substance to that of an equal volume of another substance (as water) used as a standard

spec·i·fy (spes′ə fī′) ***vt.*** **-fied′**, **-fy′ing** [< LL *specificus*, specific] **1** to state definitely **2** to include in a set of specifications

spec·i·men (spes′ə mən) ***n.*** [L < *specere*, see] **1** a part or individual used as a sample of a whole or group **2** *Med.* a sample, as of urine, for analysis

spe·cious (spē′shəs) ***adj.*** [< L *species*, appearance] seeming to be good, sound, correct, etc. without really being so — **spe′cious·ly** ***adv.***

speck (spek) ***n.*** [OE *specca*] **1** a small spot, mark, etc. **2** a very small bit —***vt.*** to mark with specks

speck·le (spek′əl) ***n.*** a small speck —***vt.*** **-led**, **-ling** to mark with speckles

specs (speks) ***pl.n.*** [Inf.] **1** spectacles; eyeglasses **2** specifications

spec·ta·cle (spek′tə kəl) ***n.*** [< L *specere*, see] **1** a remarkable sight **2** a large public show **3** [*pl.*] [Old-fashioned] a pair of eyeglasses

spec·tac·u·lar (spek tak′yə lər) ***adj.*** unusual to a striking degree —***n.*** an elaborate show or display —**spec·tac′u·lar·ly** ***adv.***

spec·ta·tor (spek′tāt′ər) ***n.*** [L < *spectare*, behold] one who watches without taking an active part

spec·ter (spek′tər) ***n.*** [< L *spectare*, behold] a ghost; apparition: Brit. sp. **spec′tre**

spec′tral (-trəl) ***adj.*** **1** of or like a spec-

ter **2** of a spectrum

spec·tro·scope (spek′trə skōp′) ***n.*** [< Ger, ult. < L *spectare*, behold] an optical instrument used for forming spectra for study —**spec′tro·scop′ic** (-skäp′ik) ***adj.*** —**spec·tros′co·py** (-träs′kə pē) ***n.***

spec·trum (spek′trəm) ***n.***, *pl.* **-tra** (-trə) or **-trums** [< L: see SPECTER] **1** the series of colored bands separated and arranged in order of their respective wavelengths by the passage of white light through a prism, etc. **2** a continuous range or entire extent

spec·u·late (spek′yə lāt′) ***vi.*** **-lat′ed, -lat′ing** [< L *specere*, see] **1** to ponder; esp., to conjecture **2** to take part in any risky venture (as buying or selling certain stocks, etc.) on the chance of making huge profits —**spec′u·la′tion** ***n.*** —**spec′u·la′tive** (-lāt′iv, -lə tiv) ***adj.*** —**spec′u·la′tor** ***n.***

speech (spēch) ***n.*** [< OE *sprecan*, speak] **1** the act of speaking **2** the power to speak **3** that which is spoken; utterance, remark, etc. **4** a talk given to an audience **5** the language of a certain people

speech′less ***adj.*** **1** incapable of speech **2** silent, as from shock

speed (spēd) ***n.*** [OE *spæd*, success] **1** swiftness; quick motion **2** rate of movement; velocity **3** an arrangement of gears, as for the drive of an engine **4** [Inf.] one's kind of taste, capability, etc. **5** [Slang] any of various amphetamine compounds —***vi.*** **sped** (sped) or **speed′ed, speed′ing** to move rapidly, esp. too rapidly —***vt.*** **1** to help to succeed; aid **2** to cause to speed —**speed up** to increase in speed —**up to speed** **1** working, etc. at full speed **2** [Inf.] fully informed —**speed′er** ***n.***

speed′boat′ ***n.*** a fast motorboat

speed·om·e·ter (spi däm′ət ər) ***n.*** a device attached to a motor vehicle, etc. to indicate speed

speed·ster (spēd′stər) ***n.*** a very fast driver, runner, etc.

speed′way′ ***n.*** a track for racing automobiles or motorcycles

speed′y ***adj.*** **-i·er, -i·est** **1** rapid; fast; swift **2** without delay; prompt —**speed′i·ly** ***adv.***

spe·le·ol·o·gy (spē′lē äl′ə jē) ***n.*** [< Gr *spēlaion*, a cave] the scientific study and exploration of caves —**spe′le·ol′o·gist** ***n.***

spell[1] (spel) ***n.*** [OE, a saying] **1** a word or formula thought to have some magic power **2** irresistible influence; charm; fascination

spell[2] (spel) ***vt.*** **spelled** or **spelt, spell′ing** [< OFr *espeller*, explain] **1** to name, write, etc. in order the letters of (a word) **2** to make up (a word, etc.): said of specified letters **3** to mean *[red spells danger]* —***vi.*** to spell words —**spell out** to explain in detail

spell[3] (spel) ***vt.*** **spelled, spell′ing** [OE *spelian*] [Inf.] to work in place of (another) for an interval; relieve —***n.*** **1** a period of work, duty, etc. **2** a period of anything *[a spell of brooding]* **3** [Inf.] a fit of illness

spell′bind′ ***vt.*** **-bound′, -bind′ing** to cause to be spellbound; fascinate —**spell′bind′er** ***n.***

spell′bound′ ***adj.*** held by or as by a spell; fascinated

spell′-check′er ***n.*** a word-processing program used to check the spelling of words in a document

spell′down′ ***n.*** SPELLING BEE

spell′er ***n.*** **1** one who spells words **2** a textbook for teaching spelling

spell′ing ***n.*** **1** the act of one who spells words **2** the way a word is spelled; orthography

spelling bee a spelling contest, esp. one in which a contestant is eliminated after misspelling a word

spe·lunk·er (spi luŋ′kər) ***n.*** [< Gr *spēlynx*, a cave] a cave explorer —**spe·lunk′ing** ***n.***

spend (spend) ***vt.*** **spent, spend′ing** [< L *expendere:* see EXPEND] **1** to use up, exhaust, etc. *[his fury was spent]* **2** to pay out (money) **3** to devote (time, labor, etc.) to something **4** to pass (time) —***vi.*** to pay out or use up money, etc. —**spend′a·ble** ***adj.*** —**spend′er** ***n.***

spend′thrift′ ***n.*** one who wastes money —***adj.*** wasteful

spent (spent) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** *pt. & pp. of* SPEND —***adj.*** **1** tired out; exhausted **2** used up; worn out

sperm (spʉrm) ***n.*** [< Gr *sperma*, seed] **1** the male generative fluid; semen **2** *pl.* **sperm** or **sperms** a male germ cell, esp. a spermatozoon

sper·ma·to·zo·on (spʉr′mə tə zō′än′, -ən) ***n.***, *pl.* **-zo′a** (-zō′ə) [< Gr *sperma*, seed + *zōion*, animal] the male germ cell, found in semen, which penetrates the egg of the female to fertilize it

sperm·i·cide (spʉr′mə sīd′) ***n.*** [SPERM + *-i-* + -CIDE] an agent that kills spermatozoa —**sperm′i·cid′al** ***adj.***

sperm whale a large toothed whale found in warm seas: its head contains a valuable lubricating oil (**sperm oil**)

spew (spyo͞o) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** [OE *spiwan*] **1** to throw up (something) from or as from the stomach; vomit **2** to flow or cause to flow or gush forth —***n.*** something spewed

sp gr *abbrev.* specific gravity

sphere (sfir) ***n.*** [< Gr *sphaira*] **1** any round body having the surface equally distant from the center at all points; globe; ball **2** the place, range, or extent of action, existence, knowledge, experience, etc. —**spher·i·cal** (sfer′i kəl, sfir′-) ***adj.***

sphe·roid (sfir′oid) ***n.*** a body that is almost but not quite a sphere —**sphe·roi′dal** ***adj.***

sphinc·ter (sfiŋk′tər) ***n.*** [< Gr *sphingein*, to draw close] a ring-shaped muscle at a body orifice

sphinx (sfiŋks) ***n.*** [< Gr, strangler] **1** *Gr. Myth.* a winged monster with a lion's body and a woman's head **2** [**S-**] a statue with a lion's body and a man's head, near Cairo, Egypt **3** one who is difficult to know or understand

spice (spīs) ***n.*** [< L *species*, kind] **1** an

aromatic vegetable substance, as nutmeg or pepper, used to season food **2** that which adds zest or interest —***vt.*** **spiced**, **spic'ing** **1** to season with spice **2** to add zest to —**spic'y**, **-i·er**, **-i·est**, ***adj.***

spick-and-span (spik'ən span') ***adj.*** [< *spike*, nail + ON *spānn*, a chip] **1** new or fresh **2** neat and clean

spic·ule (spik'yo͞ol') ***n.*** [< L *spica*, a point] a hard, needlelike part

spi·der (spī'dər) ***n.*** [< OE *spinnan*, to spin] any of various arachnids that spin webs

spi'der·y ***adj.*** like a spider

spiel (spēl) ***n.*** [Ger, play] [Slang] a talk or harangue, as in selling

spiff·y (spif'ē) ***adj.*** **-i·er**, **-i·est** [< dial. *spiff*, well-dressed person] [Slang] spruce, smart, or dapper

spig·ot (spig'ət) ***n.*** [ME *spigote*] **1** a plug to stop the vent in a barrel, etc. **2** a faucet

spike[1] (spīk) ***n.*** [< ON *spīkr* or MDu *spīker*] **1** a long, heavy nail **2** a sharp-pointed projection, as on the sole of a shoe to prevent slipping —***vt.*** **spiked**, **spik'ing** **1** to fasten or fit as with spikes **2** to pierce with, or impale on, a spike **3** to thwart (a scheme, etc.) **4** [Slang] to add alcoholic liquor to (a drink) —***vi.*** to rise suddenly and rapidly

spike[2] (spīk) ***n.*** [L *spica*] **1** an ear of grain **2** a long flower cluster

spill (spil) ***vt.*** **spilled** or **spilt** (spilt), **spill'ing** [OE *spillan*, destroy] **1** to allow or cause, esp. unintentionally, to run, scatter, or flow over from a container **2** to shed (blood) **3** to throw off (a rider, etc.) **4** [Inf.] to let (a secret) become known —***vi.*** to be spilled; overflow —***n.*** **1** a spilling **2** a fall or tumble —**spill'age** ***n.***

spill'way' ***n.*** a channel to carry off excess water, as around a dam

spin (spin) ***vt.*** **spun**, **spin'ning** [OE *spinnan*] **1** *a*) to draw out and twist fibers of (wool, cotton, etc.) into thread *b*) to make (thread, etc.) thus **2** to make (a web, cocoon, etc.), as a spider does **3** to draw *out* (a story) to a great length **4** to rotate swiftly —***vi.*** **1** to spin thread or yarn **2** to form a web, cocoon, etc. **3** to whirl **4** to seem to be spinning from dizziness **5** to move along swiftly and smoothly —***n.*** **1** a spinning or rotating movement **2** a ride in a motor vehicle **3** a descent of an airplane, nose first along a spiral path **4** a particular emphasis or slant given to news, etc. — **spin off** to produce as an outgrowth or secondary development, etc. —**spin'ner** ***n.***

spi·na bi·fi·da (spī'nə bif'i də) a congenital defect in which part of the spinal column is exposed, causing paralysis, etc.

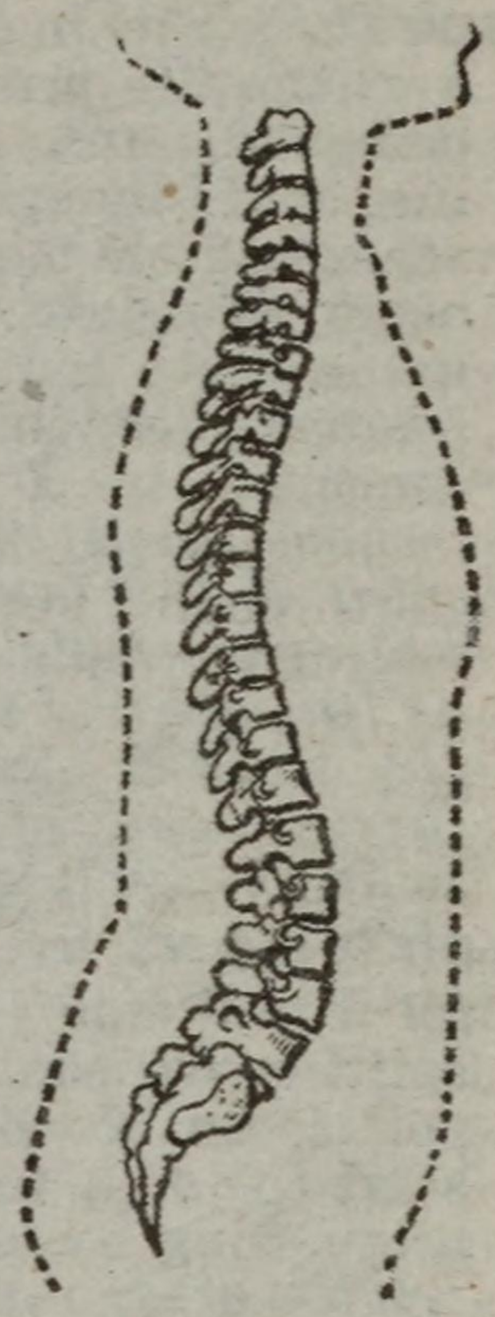
spin·ach (spin'ich) ***n.*** [ult. < Pers *aspanākh*] **1** a plant with dark-green, juicy, edible leaves **2** these leaves

spi·nal (spī'nəl) ***adj.*** of or having to do with the spine or spinal cord —***n.*** a spinal anesthetic

spinal column the series of joined vertebrae forming the axial support for the skeleton; spine; backbone

spinal cord the thick cord of nerve tissue in the spinal column

spin·dle (spin'dəl) ***n.*** [< OE *spinnan*, to spin] **1** a slender rod used in spinning for twisting, winding, or holding thread **2** a spindlelike thing **3** any rod or pin that revolves or serves as an axis for a revolving part



SPINAL COLUMN

spin·dly (spind'lē) ***adj.*** **-dli·er**, **-dli·est** long or tall and very thin

spin doctor [Slang] a person employed as by a politician to use spin in presenting information in a favorable light

spine (spīn) ***n.*** [< L *spina*, thorn] **1** *a*) a sharp, stiff projection, as on a cactus *b*) anything like this **2** *a*) SPINAL COLUMN *b*) anything like this, as the back of a book —**spin'y**, **-i·er**, **-i·est**, ***adj.***

spine'less ***adj.*** **1** having no spine or spines **2** lacking courage or willpower

spin·et (spin'it) ***n.*** [< It *spinetta*] a small upright piano

spine'-tin'gling ***adj.*** very thrilling, terrifying, etc.

spin·ner·et (spin'ə ret') ***n.*** the organ in spiders, caterpillars, etc., that spins thread for webs or cocoons

spinning wheel a simple machine for spinning thread with a spindle driven by a large wheel spun as by a treadle

spin·off (spin'ôf') ***n.*** a secondary benefit, product, development, etc.

spin·ster (spin'stər) ***n.*** [ME < *spinnen*, to spin] an unmarried woman, esp. an elderly one —**spin'ster·hood'** ***n.***

spiny lobster a type of lobster with a spiny shell and no pincers

spi·ra·cle (spir'ə kəl) ***n.*** [< L < *spirare*, breathe] an opening for breathing, as on the sides of an insect's body or on the top of a whale's head

spi·ral (spī'rəl) ***adj.*** [< Gr *speira*, a coil] circling around a point in constantly increasing (or decreasing) curves, or in constantly changing planes —***n.*** **1** a spiral curve, coil, path, etc. **2** a continuous, widening decrease or increase *[an inflationary spiral]* —***vi.***, ***vt.*** **-raled** or **-ralled**, **-ral·ing** or **-ral·ling** to move in or form a spiral

spire (spīr) ***n.*** [OE *spir*] **1** the top part of a pointed, tapering object **2** anything tapering to a point, as a steeple

spi·re·a (spī rē'ə) ***n.*** [< Gr *speira*, a coil] a plant of the rose family, with dense clusters of small, pink or white flowers:

also sp. **spi·rae'a**

spir·it (spir'it) ***n.*** ⟦< L *spirare,* breathe⟧ **1** *a*) the life principle, esp. in human beings *b*) SOUL (sense 1) **2** [*also* **S-**] life, will, thought, etc., regarded as separate from matter **3** a supernatural being, as a ghost or angel **4** an individual *[*a brave *spirit]* **5** [*usually pl.*] disposition; mood *[*high *spirits]* **6** vivacity, courage, etc. **7** enthusiastic loyalty *[*school *spirit]* **8** real meaning *[*the *spirit* of the law*]* **9** a pervading animating principle or characteristic quality *[*the *spirit* of the times*]* **10** [*usually pl.*] distilled alcoholic liquor —***vt.*** to carry (*away, off,* etc.) secretly and swiftly —**spir'it·less** ***adj.***

spir'it·ed ***adj.*** lively; animated

spir·it·u·al (spir'i chōō əl) ***adj.*** **1** of the spirit or the soul **2** of or consisting of spirit; not corporeal **3** of religion; sacred —***n.*** a folk hymn, specif. one originating among S U.S. blacks —**spir'it·u·al'i·ty** (-al'ə tē) ***n.*** —**spir'it·u·al·ly** ***adv.***

spir'it·u·al·ism' ***n.*** the belief that the dead survive as spirits that can communicate with the living —**spir'it·u·al·ist** ***n.*** —**spir'it·u·al·is'tic** ***adj.***

spir·it·u·ous (spir'i chōō əs) ***adj.*** of or containing distilled alcohol

spi·ro·chete (spī'rō kēt') ***n.*** ⟦< Gr *speira,* a coil + *chaitē,* hair⟧ any of various spiral-shaped bacteria

spit[1] (spit) ***n.*** ⟦OE *spitu*⟧ **1** a thin, pointed rod on which meat is roasted over a fire, etc. **2** a narrow point of land extending into the water —***vt.*** **spit'ted, spit'ting** to fix as on a spit

spit[2] (spit) ***vt.*** **spit** or **spat, spit'ting** ⟦OE *spittan*⟧ **1** to eject from the mouth **2** to eject explosively —***vi.*** to eject saliva from the mouth —***n.*** **1** a spitting **2** saliva —**spit and image** [Inf.] perfect likeness: also **spitting image**

spit'ball' ***n.*** **1** paper chewed up into a wad for throwing **2** *Baseball* a pitch, now illegal, made to curve by wetting one side of the ball as with spit

spite (spīt) ***n.*** ⟦see DESPITE⟧ ill will; malice —***vt.*** **spit'ed, spit'ing** to vent one's spite upon by hurting, frustrating, etc. —**in spite of** regardless of —**spite'ful** ***adj.***

spit'fire' ***n.*** a woman or girl easily aroused to violent anger

spit·tle (spit''l) ***n.*** saliva; spit

spit·toon (spi tōōn') ***n.*** a container to spit into

splash (splash) ***vt.*** ⟦echoic⟧ **1** to cause (a liquid) to scatter **2** to dash a liquid, mud, etc. on, so as to wet or soil —***vi.*** to move, strike, etc. with a splash —***n.*** **1** a splashing **2** a spot made by splashing —**make a splash** [Inf.] to attract great attention

splash'down' ***n.*** a spacecraft's soft landing on the sea

splash'y ***adj.*** **-i·er, -i·est** **1** splashing or apt to splash; wet, muddy, etc. **2** [Inf.] spectacular —**splash'i·ly** ***adv.*** —**splash'i·ness** ***n.***

splat[1] (splat) ***n.*** ⟦< SPLIT⟧ a thin slat of wood, as in a chair back

splat[2] (splat) ***n., interj.*** ⟦echoic⟧ (used to suggest) a splattering or wet, slapping sound —***vi.*** **1** to make such a sound **2** to flatten on impact

splat·ter (splat'ər) ***n., vt., vi.*** spatter or splash

splay (splā) ***vt., vi.*** ⟦ME *splaien*⟧ to spread out or apart: often with *out* —***adj.*** spreading outward

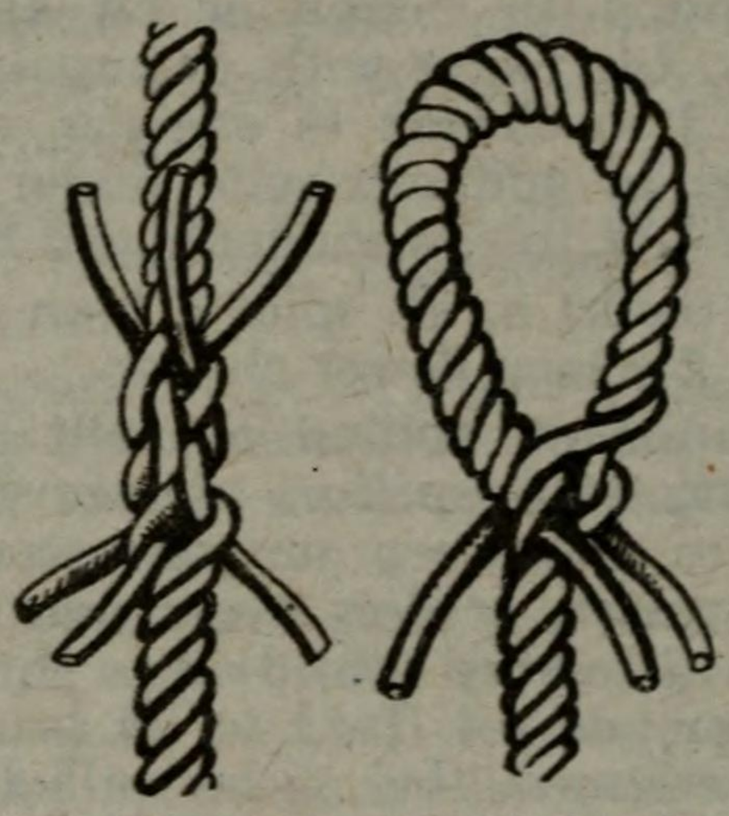
splay'foot' ***n.,*** *pl.* **-feet'** a foot that is flat and turned outward —**splay'foot'ed** ***adj.***

spleen (splēn) ***n.*** ⟦< Gr *splēn*⟧ **1** a large lymphatic organ in the upper left part of the abdomen: it modifies the blood structure **2** malice; spite

splen·did (splen'did) ***adj.*** ⟦< L *splendere,* to shine⟧ **1** shining; brilliant **2** magnificent; gorgeous **3** grand; illustrious **4** [Inf.] very good; fine —**splen'did·ly** ***adv.***

splen·dor (splen'dər) ***n.*** ⟦see prec.⟧ **1** great luster; brilliance **2** pomp; grandeur Brit. sp. **splen'dour**

sple·net·ic (spli net'ik) ***adj.*** **1** of the spleen **2** bad-tempered; irritable



SHORT SPLICE — EYE SPLICE

splice (splīs) ***vt.*** **spliced, splic'ing** ⟦MDu *splissen*⟧ **1** to join (ropes) by weaving together the end strands **2** to join the ends of (timbers) by overlapping **3** to fasten the ends of (wire, film, etc.) together, as by soldering or twisting —***n.*** a joint made by splicing —**splic'er** ***n.***

splint (splint) ***n.*** ⟦prob. < MDu *splinte*⟧ **1** a thin strip of wood, etc. woven with others to make baskets, etc. **2** a thin, rigid strip of wood, etc. used to hold a broken bone in place

splin·ter (splin'tər) ***vt., vi.*** ⟦see prec.⟧ to break or split into thin, sharp pieces —***n.*** a thin, sharp piece, as of wood, made by splitting, etc.; sliver

split (split) ***vt., vi.*** **split, split'ting** ⟦MDu *splitten*⟧ **1** to separate lengthwise into two or more parts **2** to break or tear apart **3** to divide into shares **4** to disunite **5** *a*) to break (a molecule) into atoms *b*) to produce nuclear fission in (an atom) **6** *Finance* to divide (stock) by converting each share into two for more shares with the same overall value —***n.*** **1** a splitting **2** a break; crack **3** a division in a group, etc. **4** [*often pl.*] the feat of spreading the legs apart on the floor until they lie flat —***adj.*** divided; separated

split'-lev'el ***adj.*** having floor levels stag-

gered about a half story apart
split pea a green or yellow pea shelled, dried, and split: used esp. for soup
split'ting *adj.* severe, as a headache
splotch (spläch) *n.* [prob. < SPOT + BLOTCH] an irregular spot, splash, or stain —*vt.*, *vi.* to mark or be marked with splotches —**splotch'y**, **-i·er**, **-i·est**, *adj.*
splurge (splʉrj) [Inf.] *n.* [echoic] a spell of extravagant spending —*vi.* **splurged**, **splurg'ing** to spend money freely
splut·ter (splut'ər) *vi.* [var. of SPUTTER] **1** to make hissing or spitting sounds **2** to speak hurriedly and confusedly —*n.* a spluttering
spoil (spoil) *vt.* **spoiled** or [Brit.] **spoilt**, **spoil'ing** [< L *spolium*, plunder] **1** to damage so as to make useless, etc. **2** to impair the enjoyment, etc. of **3** to cause to expect too much by overindulgence —*vi.* to become spoiled; decay, etc., as food does —*n.* [*usually pl.*] plunder; booty —**spoil'age** *n.* —**spoil'er** *n.*
spoil'sport' *n.* one whose actions ruin the pleasure of others
spoils system the treating of public offices as the booty of a successful political party
Spo·kane (spō kan') city in E Washington: pop. 177,000
spoke[1] (spōk) *n.* [OE *spaca*] any of the braces or bars extending from the hub to the rim of a wheel
spoke[2] (spōk) *vi.*, *vt.* *pt. & archaic pp. of* SPEAK
spo·ken (spō'kən) *vi.*, *vt.* *pp. of* SPEAK —*adj.* **1** uttered; oral **2** having a (specified) kind of voice *[soft-spoken]*
spokes·man (spōks'mən) *n.*, *pl.* **-men** (-mən) a person who speaks for another or for a group —**spokes'wom'an**, *pl.* **-wom'en**, *fem.n.*
spokes'per'son *n.* SPOKESMAN: used to avoid the masculine implication of *spokesman*
spo·li·a·tion (spō'lē ā'shən) *n.* [< L *spoliatio*] robbery; plundering
sponge (spunj) *n.* [< Gr *spongia*] **1** a stationary aquatic animal with a porous structure **2** the highly absorbent skeleton of such animals, used for washing surfaces, etc. **3** any substance like this, as a piece of light, porous rubber, etc. —*vt.* **sponged**, **spong'ing** **1** to dampen, wipe, absorb, etc. as with a sponge **2** [Inf.] to get as by begging, imposition, etc. —*vi.* [Inf.] to live as a parasite upon other people —**spong'er** *n.* —**spon'gy**, **-gi·er**, **-gi·est**, *adj.*
sponge bath a bath taken by using a wet sponge or cloth without getting into water
sponge'cake' *n.* a light, spongy cake without shortening: also **sponge cake**
spon·sor (spän'sər) *n.* [L < *spondere*, promise solemnly] **1** one who assumes responsibility for something; proponent, underwriter, endorser, etc. **2** a godparent **3** a business firm, etc. that pays for a radio or TV program advertising its product —*vt.* to act as sponsor for —**spon'sor·ship'** *n.*
spon·ta·ne·i·ty (spän'tə nē'ə tē, -nā'-) *n.* **1** a being spontaneous **2** *pl.* **-ties** spontaneous behavior, action, etc.
spon·ta·ne·ous (spän tā'nē əs) *adj.* [< L *sponte*, of free will] **1** acting or resulting from a natural feeling or impulse, without constraint, effort, etc. **2** occurring through internal causes
spontaneous combustion the process of catching fire through heat generated by internal chemical action
spoof (spo͞of) *n.* **1** a hoax or joke **2** a light satire —*vt.*, *vi.* **1** to fool; deceive **2** to satirize playfully
spook (spo͞ok) [Inf.] *n.* [Du] a ghost —*vt.*, *vi.* to frighten or become frightened
spook'y *adj.* **-i·er**, **-i·est** [Inf.] **1** weird; eerie **2** easily frightened; nervous, jumpy, etc.
spool (spo͞ol) *n.* [< MDu *spoele*] **1** a cylinder on which thread, wire, etc. is wound **2** the material wound on a spool
spoon (spo͞on) *n.* [< OE *spon*, a chip] **1** a utensil consisting of a small, shallow bowl and a handle, used for eating, stirring, etc. **2** something shaped like a spoon, as a shiny, curved fishing lure —*vt.* to take up with a spoon —**spoon'ful'**, *pl.* **-fuls'**, *n.*
spoon'bill' *n.* a wading bird whose flat bill is spoon-shaped at the tip
spoon·er·ism (spo͞on'ər iz'əm) *n.* [after Rev. W. A. *Spooner* (1844-1930), of England, who made such slips] an unintentional interchange of the initial sounds of words (Ex.: "a well-boiled icicle" for "a well-oiled bicycle")
spoon'-feed' *vt.* **-fed'**, **-feed'ing** **1** to feed with a spoon **2** to pamper; coddle
spoor (spo͝or) *n.* [Afrik] the track or trail of a wild animal
spo·rad·ic (spə rad'ik) *adj.* [< Gr *sporas*, scattered] happening or appearing in isolated instances *[sporadic* storms*]* —**spo·rad'i·cal·ly** *adv.*
spore (spôr) *n.* [< Gr *spora*, a seed] a small reproductive body produced by algae, ferns, etc. and capable of giving rise to a new individual
sport (spôrt) *n.* [< DISPORT] **1** any recreational activity; specif., a game, competition, etc. requiring bodily exertion **2** fun or play **3** [Inf.] a sportsmanlike person **4** [Inf.] a showy, flashy fellow **5** *Biol.* a plant or animal markedly different from the normal type —*vt.* [Inf.] to display *[to sport* a loud tie*]* —*vi.* to play —*adj.* **1** of or for sports **2** suitable for casual wear *[a sport* coat*]* Also, for adj., **sports** —**in** (or **for**) **sport** in jest —**make sport of** to mock or ridicule
sport'ing *adj.* **1** of or interested in sports **2** sportsmanlike; fair **3** of games, races, etc. involving gambling or betting
spor·tive (spôrt'iv) *adj.* **1** full of sport or fun **2** done in fun —**spor'tive·ly** *adv.*
sports car a small car characterized by above-average speed and handling
sports'cast' *n.* a broadcast of sports news on radio or TV —**sports'cast'er** *n.*
sports'man (-mən) *n.*, *pl.* **-men** (-mən) **1** a man who takes part in sports, esp. hunting, fishing, etc. **2** one who plays

fair and can lose without complaint or win without gloating —**sports'man·like'** *adj.* —**sports'man·ship'** *n.*

sport utility vehicle a vehicle like a station wagon, but with a small-truck chassis and, usually, four-wheel drive

sport'y *adj.* **-i·er, -i·est** [Inf.] **1** sporting or sportsmanlike **2** flashy or showy —**sport'i·ness** *n.*

spot (spät) *n.* [prob. < MDu *spotte*] **1** *a*) a small area differing in color, etc. from the surrounding area *b*) a stain, speck, etc. **2** a flaw or defect **3** a locality; place —*vt.* **spot'ted, spot'ting 1** to mark with spots **2** to stain; blemish **3** to place; locate **4** to see; recognize **5** [Inf.] to allow as a handicap *[to spot* an opponent points*]* —*vi.* **1** to become marked with spots **2** to make a stain —*adj.* **1** ready *[spot* cash*]* **2** made at random *[a spot* survey*]* —**hit the spot** [Inf.] to satisfy a craving or need —**in a (bad) spot** [Slang] in trouble —**on the spot** [Slang] in a bad or demanding situation —**spot'less** *adj.* —**spot'less·ly** *adv.* —**spot'ted** *adj.*

spot'-check' *vt.* to check or examine at random or by sampling —*n.* such a checking

spot'light' *n.* **1** *a*) a strong beam of light focused on a particular person, thing, etc. *b*) a lamp used to project such a beam **2** public notice or prominence —*vt.* to light or draw attention to, by or as by a spotlight

spot'ty *adj.* **-ti·er, -ti·est 1** having, occurring in, or marked with spots **2** not uniform or consistent —**spot'ti·ly** *adv.*

spouse (spous) *n.* [< L *sponsus,* betrothed] (one's) husband or wife —**spous·al** (spou'zəl) *adj.*

spout (spout) *n.* [< ME *spouten,* to spout] **1** a lip, orifice, or projecting tube by which a liquid is poured or discharged **2** a stream, etc. as of liquid from a spout —*vt., vi.* **1** to shoot out (liquid, etc.) as from a spout **2** to speak or utter (words, etc.) in a loud, pompous manner

sprain (sprān) *vt.* [< ? L *ex-,* out + *premere,* to press] to wrench a ligament or muscle of (a joint) without dislocating the bones —*n.* an injury resulting from this

sprang (spraŋ) *vi., vt. alt. pt. of* SPRING

sprat (sprat) *n.* [OE *sprott*] a small European herring

sprawl (sprôl) *vi.* [< OE *spreawlian,* move convulsively] **1** to sit or lie with the limbs in a relaxed or awkward position **2** to spread out awkwardly or unevenly —*n.* **1** a sprawling movement or position **2** the uncontrolled spread of real-estate development into areas around a city

spray[1] (sprā) *n.* [prob. < MDu *spraeien*] **1** a mist of fine liquid particles **2** *a*) a jet of such particles, as from a spray gun *b*) a device for spraying **3** something likened to a spray —*vt., vi.* **1** to direct a spray (on) **2** to shoot out in a spray —**spray'er** *n.*

spray[2] (sprā) *n.* [ME] a small branch of a tree or plant, with leaves, flowers, etc.

spray can a can from which gas under pressure sprays out the contents

spray gun a device that shoots out a spray of liquid, as paint or insecticide

spread (spred) *vt., vi.* **spread, spread'ing** [OE *sprædan*] **1** to open or stretch out; unfold **2** to move (the fingers, wings, etc.) apart **3** to distribute or be distributed over an area or surface **4** to extend in time **5** to make or be made widely known, felt, etc. **6** to set (a table) for a meal **7** to push or be pushed apart —*n.* **1** the act or extent of spreading **2** an expanse **3** a cloth cover for a table, bed, etc. **4** jam, butter, etc. used on bread **5** [Inf.] a meal with many different foods —**spread'er** *n.*

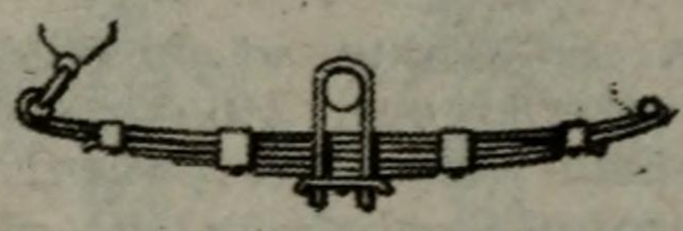
spread'-ea'gle *adj.* having the figure of an eagle with wings and legs spread —*vt.* **-gled, -gling** to stretch out in this form, as for a flogging

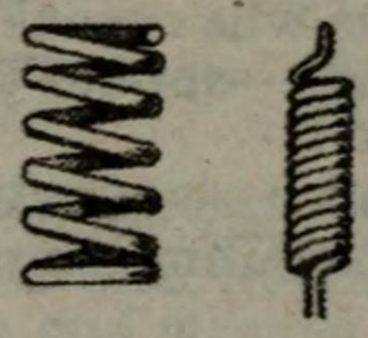
spread'sheet' *n.* a computer program that organizes numerical data into rows and columns on a video screen

spree (sprē) *n.* [< earlier *spray*] **1** a noisy frolic **2** a period of drunkenness **3** a period of uninhibited activity *[a* shopping *spree]*

sprig (sprig) *n.* [ME *sprigge*] a little twig or spray

spright·ly (sprīt'lē) *adj.* **-li·er, -li·est** [< *spright,* var. of SPRITE] full of energy and spirit; lively —*adv.* in a sprightly manner —**spright'li·ness** *n.*





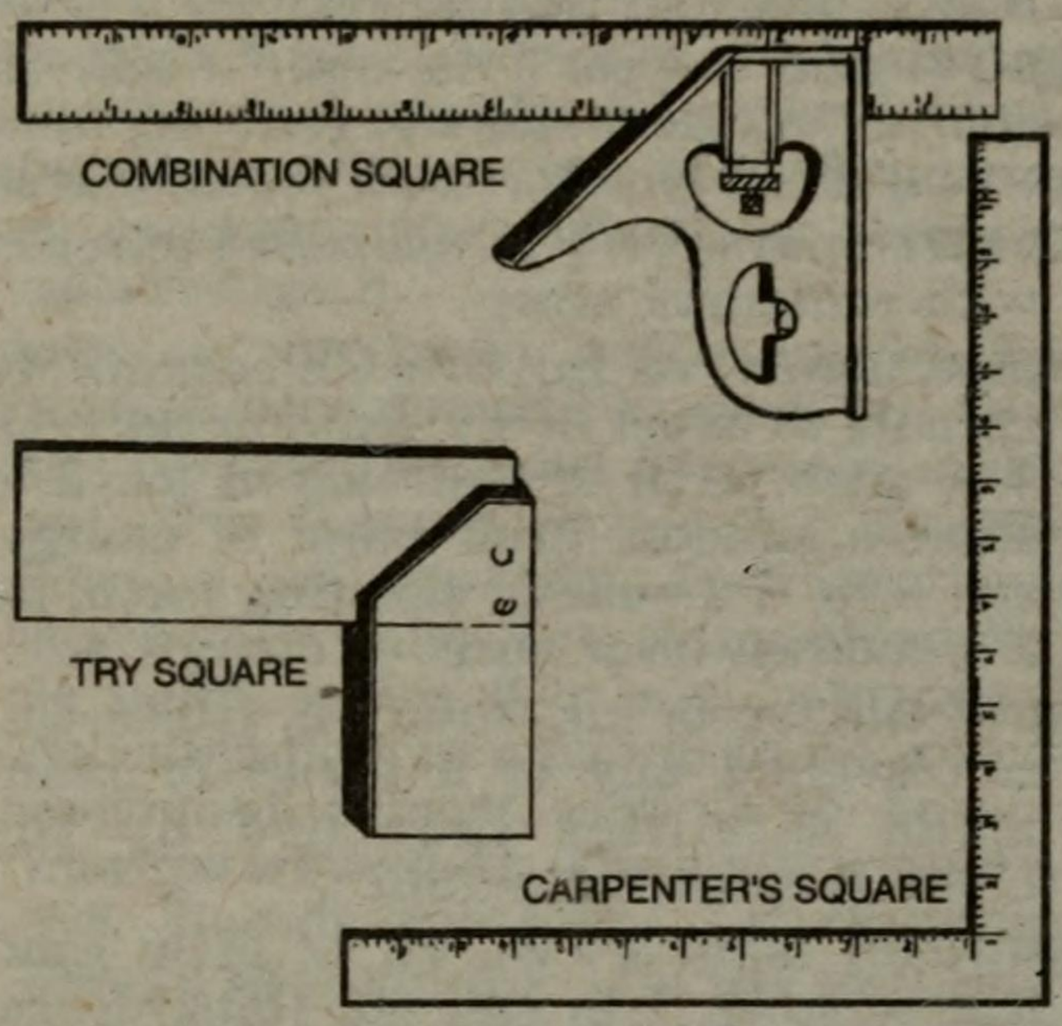
SPRINGS

spring (spriŋ) *vi.* **sprang** or **sprung, sprung, spring'ing** [OE *springan*] **1** to leap; bound **2** to come, appear, etc. suddenly **3** to bounce **4** to arise as from some source; grow or develop **5** to become warped, split, etc. Often followed by *up* —*vt.* **1** to cause (a trap, etc.) to snap shut **2** to cause to warp, split, etc. **3** to make known suddenly **4** [Slang] to get (someone) released from jail —*n.* **1** a leap, or the distance so covered **2** elasticity; resilience **3** a device, as a coil of wire, that returns to its original form after being forced out of shape **4** a flow of water from the ground **5** a source or origin **6** *a*) the season of the year following winter, when plants begin to grow *b*) any period of beginning —*adj.* **1** of, for, appearing in, or planted in the spring **2** having, or supported on, springs **3** coming from a spring *[spring* water*]* —**spring a leak** to begin unexpectedly to leak —**spring for** [Inf.] to bear the cost of for someone else

spring'board' *n.* a springy board used

as a takeoff in leaping or diving
spring fever the laziness or restlessness that many people feel in the early days of spring
Spring·field (spriŋ′fēld′) **1** city in SW Missouri: pop. 140,000 **2** capital of Illinois: pop. 105,000
spring′time′ *n.* the season of spring
spring′y *adj.* **-i·er, -i·est** having spring; elastic, resilient, etc. —**spring′i·ness** *n.*
sprin·kle (spriŋ′kəl) *vt., vi.* **-kled, -kling** [ME *sprinklen*] **1** to scatter or fall in drops or particles **2** to scatter drops or particles (upon) **3** to rain lightly —*n.* **1** a sprinkling **2** a light rain —**sprin′kler** *n.*
sprin′kling (-kliŋ) *n.* a small number or amount, esp. when scattered thinly
sprint (sprint) *vi., n.* [ME *sprenten*] run or race at full speed for a short distance —**sprint′er** *n.*
sprite (sprīt) *n.* [< L *spiritus,* spirit] *Folklore* an imaginary being, as an elf
spritz (sprits, shprits) *vt., vi., n.* [< Ger *spritzen* & Yiddish *shprits*] squirt or spray
spritz′er *n.* a drink consisting of white wine and soda water
sprock·et (spräk′it) *n.* [< ?] **1** any of the teeth, as on the rim of a wheel, arranged to fit the links of a chain **2** a wheel fitted with such teeth: in full **sprocket wheel**
sprout (sprout) *vi.* [OE *sprutan*] to begin to grow; give off shoots —*vt.* to cause to sprout or grow —*n.* **1** a young growth on a plant; shoot **2** a new growth from a bud, etc. **3** a new growth from a seed of alfalfa, etc., used as in salads
spruce[1] (sprōōs) *n.* [ME *Spruce,* Prussia] **1** an evergreen tree with slender needles **2** its wood
spruce[2] (sprōōs) *adj.* **spruc′er, spruc′est** [< *Spruce leather* (see prec.)] neat and trim in a smart way —*vt., vi.* **spruced, spruc′ing** to make (oneself) spruce: usually with *up*
sprung (spruŋ) *vi., vt. pp. & alt. pt. of* SPRING
spry (sprī) *adj.* **spri′er** or **spry′er, spri′est** or **spry′est** [< Scand] full of life; active, esp. though elderly —**spry′ly** *adv.* —**spry′ness** *n.*
spud (spud) *n.* [Inf.] a potato
spume (spyōōm) *n.* [< L *spuma*] foam, froth, or scum —*vi.* **spumed, spum′ing** to foam; froth
spu·mo·ni (spə mō′nē) *n.* [It < L *spuma,* foam] Italian ice cream in variously flavored and colored layers
spun (spun) *vt., vi. pt. & pp. of* SPIN
spunk (spuŋk) *n.* [Ir *sponc,* tinder] [Inf.] courage; spirit —**spunk′y, -i·er, -i·est,** *adj.*
spur (spur) *n.* [OE *spura*] **1** a pointed device worn on the heel by a rider, used to urge a horse forward **2** anything that urges; stimulus **3** any spurlike projection **4** a short railroad track connected with the main track —*vt.* **spurred, spur′ring 1** to prick with spurs **2** to urge or incite —**on the spur of the moment** abruptly and impulsively
spurge (spurj) *n.* [< earlier Fr *espurger,* to purge] any of a group of plants with milky juice and tiny flowers
spu·ri·ous (spyoor′ē əs, spur′-) *adj.* [L *spurius,* illegitimate] not genuine; false —**spu′ri·ous·ly** *adv.* —**spu′ri·ous·ness** *n.*
spurn (spurn) *vt.* [OE *spurnan*] to reject with contempt; scorn
spurt (spurt) *vt.* [prob. < OE *sprutan,* to sprout] to expel in a stream or jet —*vi.* **1** to gush forth in a stream or jet **2** to show a sudden, brief burst of energy, etc. —*n.* **1** a sudden shooting forth; jet **2** a sudden, brief burst of energy, etc.
sput·nik (spoot′nik, sput′-) *n.* [Russ, lit., co-traveler] any of a series of man-made satellites launched by the U.S.S.R. starting in 1957
sput·ter (sput′ər) *vi., vt.* [< MDu *spotten,* to spit] **1** to spit out (bits, drops, etc.) explosively, as when talking excitedly **2** to speak or utter in a confused, explosive way **3** to make sharp, sizzling sounds, as frying fat does —*n.* a sputtering
spu·tum (spyōōt′əm) *n., pl.* **-ta** (-ə) [< L *spuere,* to spit] saliva, usually mixed with mucus, ejected from the mouth
spy (spī) *vt.* **spied, spy′ing** [< OHG *spehōn,* examine] **1** to watch closely and secretly: often with *out* **2** to catch sight of; see —*vi.* to watch closely and secretly; act as a spy —*n., pl.* **spies 1** one who keeps close and secret watch on others **2** one employed by a government to get secret information about another government
spy′glass′ *n.* a small telescope
sq *abbrev.* **1** sequence **2** squadron **3** square
sqq. *abbrev.* [L *sequentes; sequentia*] the following ones; what follows
squab (skwäb) *n.* [prob. < Scand] a nestling pigeon
squab·ble (skwäb′əl) *vi.* **-bled, -bling** [< Scand] to quarrel noisily over a small matter; wrangle —*n.* a noisy, petty quarrel —**squab′bler** *n.*
squad (skwäd) *n.* [< Sp *escuadra* or It *squadra,* a square] **1** a small group of soldiers, often a subdivision of a platoon **2** any small group of people working together
squad car PATROL CAR
squad′ron (-rən) *n.* [< It *squadra,* a square] a unit of warships, military aircraft, etc.
squal·id (skwäl′id, skwôl′id) *adj.* [< L *squalere,* be foul] **1** foul or unclean **2** wretched
squall[1] (skwôl) *n.* [< Scand] a brief, violent windstorm, usually with rain or snow —**squall′y, -i·er, -i·est,** *adj.*
squall[2] (skwôl) *vi., vt.* [< ON *skvala*] to cry or scream loudly and harshly —*n.* a harsh cry or loud scream
squal·or (skwäl′ər, skwôl′ər) *n.* a being squalid; filth and wretchedness
squa·mous (skwā′məs) *adj.* [< L *squama,* a scale] like, formed of, or covered with scales

squan·der (skwän′dər) ***vt.*** ⟦prob. < dial. *squander,* to scatter⟧ to spend or use wastefully or extravagantly



square (skwer) ***n.*** ⟦< L *ex,* out + *quadrare,* to square⟧ **1** *a*) a plane figure having four equal sides and four right angles *b*) anything of or approximating this shape **2** an open area bounded by several streets, used as a park, etc. **3** an instrument for drawing or testing right angles **4** the product of a number multiplied by itself **5** [Slang] a person who is SQUARE (*adj.* 10) —***vt.*** **squared, squar′ing** **1** to make square **2** to make straight, even, right-angled, etc. **3** to settle; adjust *[*to *square* accounts*]* **4** to make conform *[*to *square* a statement with the facts*]* **5** to multiply (a quantity) by itself —***vi.*** to fit; agree; accord (*with*) —***adj.*** **squar′er, squar′est** **1** having four equal sides and four right angles **2** forming a right angle **3** straight, level, even, etc. **4** leaving no balance; even **5** just; fair **6** direct; straightforward **7** designating a unit of surface measure in the form of a square *[*a *square* foot*]* **8** sturdy and somewhat rectangular *[*a *square* jaw*]* **9** [Inf.] substantial *[*a *square* meal*]* **10** [Slang] old-fashioned, unsophisticated, etc. —***adv.*** in a square manner — **square off** to assume a posture of attack or self-defense —**square oneself** [Inf.] to make amends —**square′ly** ***adv.*** —**square′ness** ***n.*** —**squar′ish** ***adj.***

square dance a dance with various steps, in which couples are grouped in a given form, as a square —**square′-dance′, -danced′, -danc′ing,** ***vi.***

square′-rigged′ ***adj.*** rigged with square sails as the principal sails

square root the number or quantity which when squared will produce a given number or quantity *[*3 is the *square root* of 9*]*

squash[1] (skwôsh, skwäsh) ***vt.*** ⟦< L *ex-,* intens. + *quatere,* to shake⟧ **1** to crush into a soft or flat mass; press **2** to suppress; quash —***vi.*** **1** to be squashed **2** to make a sound of squashing —***n.*** **1** the act or sound of squashing **2** a game played in a walled court with rackets and a rubber ball —**squash′y, -i·er, -i·est,** ***adj.***

squash[2] (skwôsh, skwäsh) ***n.*** ⟦< AmInd⟧ the fleshy fruit of various plants of the gourd family, eaten as a vegetable

squat (skwät) ***vi.*** **squat′ted, squat′ting** ⟦ult. < L *ex-,* intens. + *cogere,* to force⟧ **1** to crouch so as to sit on the heels with knees bent and weight resting on the balls of the feet **2** to crouch close to the ground **3** to settle on land without right or title **4** to settle on public land in order to get title to it —***adj.*** **-ter, -test** short and heavy or thick: also **squat′ty, -ti·er, -ti·est** —***n.*** the act or position of squatting —**squat′ness** ***n.*** —**squat′ter** ***n.***

squaw (skwô) ***n.*** ⟦< AmInd⟧ [Now Rare] a North American Indian woman or wife: term now considered offensive

squawk (skwôk) ***vi.*** ⟦echoic⟧ **1** to utter a loud, harsh cry **2** [Inf.] to complain loudly —***n.*** **1** a loud, harsh cry **2** [Inf.] a loud complaint

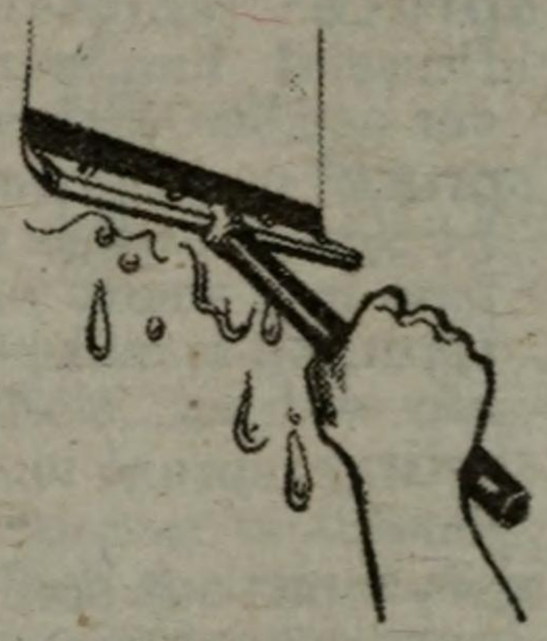
squeak (skwēk) ***vi.*** ⟦ME *squeken*⟧ to make or utter a sharp, high-pitched sound or cry —***vt.*** to say in a squeak —***n.*** a thin, sharp sound or cry —**narrow (or close) squeak** [Inf.] a narrow escape —**squeak through** (or **by,** etc.) [Inf.] to succeed, survive, etc. with difficulty —**squeak′y, -i·er, -i·est,** ***adj.***

squeak′er ***n.*** [Inf.] a narrow escape, victory, etc.

squeal (skwēl) ***vi.*** ⟦ME *squelen*⟧ **1** to utter or make a long, shrill cry or sound **2** [Slang] to act as an informer —***vt.*** to utter in a squeal —***n.*** a squealing — **squeal′er** ***n.***

squeam·ish (skwē′mish) ***adj.*** ⟦ME *squaimous*⟧ **1** easily nauseated **2** easily shocked **3** fastidious — **squeam′ish·ly** ***adv.*** —**squeam′ish·ness** ***n.***

squee·gee (skwē′jē) ***n.*** ⟦prob. < fol.⟧ a rubber-edged tool for scraping water from a flat surface



SQUEEGEE

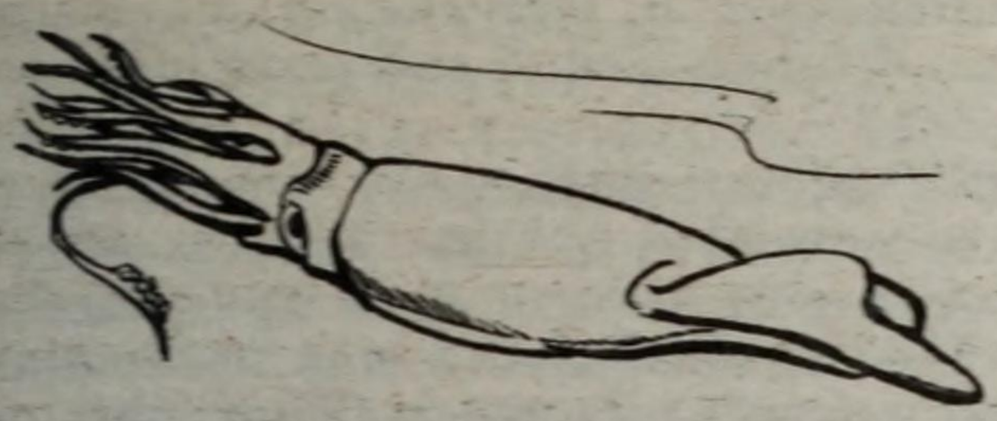
squeeze (skwēz) ***vt.*** **squeezed, squeez′ing** ⟦< OE *cwysan*⟧ **1** to press hard, esp. from two or more sides **2** to extract (juice, etc.) from (fruit, etc.) **3** to force (*into, out,* etc.) by pressing **4** to embrace closely; hug —***vi.*** **1** to yield to pressure **2** to exert pressure **3** to force one's way by pushing (*in, out,* etc.) —***n.*** **1** a squeezing or being squeezed **2** a close embrace; hug **3** the state of being closely pressed or packed; crush **4** a period of scarcity, hardship, etc.

squeeze bottle a plastic bottle that is squeezed to eject its contents

squelch (skwelch) [Inf.] ***n.*** ⟦prob. echoic⟧ a crushing retort, rebuke, etc. —***vt.*** to suppress or silence completely

squib (skwib) ***n.*** ⟦prob. echoic⟧ **1** a firecracker that burns with a hissing noise before exploding **2** a short, witty attack in words; lampoon **3** a short news item

squid (skwid) ***n.*** ⟦prob. < *squit,* dial. for SQUIRT⟧ a long, slender sea mollusk with eight arms and two long tentacles



SQUID

squig·gle (skwig′əl) *n.* [SQU(IRM) + (W)IGGLE] a short, wavy line or illegible scrawl —*vt.*, *vi.* **-gled**, **-gling** to write as, or make, a squiggle or squiggles

squint (skwint) *vi.* [< (*a*)*squint*, with a squint < ME *on skwyn*, sideways] **1** to peer with the eyes partly closed **2** to be cross-eyed —*n.* **1** a squinting **2** a being cross-eyed **3** [Inf.] a quick look

squire (skwīr) *n.* [see ESQUIRE] **1** in England, the owner of a large, rural estate **2** a man escorting a woman —*vt.* **squired**, **squir′ing** to escort

squirm (skwʉrm) *vi.* [prob. echoic, infl. by WORM] **1** to twist and turn the body; wriggle **2** to show or feel shame or embarrassment —*n.* a squirming —**squirm′y**, **-i·er**, **-i·est**, *adj.*

squir·rel (skwʉr′əl, skwʉrl) *n.* [< Gr *skia*, shadow + *oura*, tail] **1** a small, tree-dwelling rodent with heavy fur and a long, bushy tail **2** its fur

squirt (skwʉrt) *vt.* [prob. < LowG *swirtjen*] **1** to shoot out (a liquid) in a jet; spurt **2** to wet with liquid so shot out —*n.* **1** a jet of liquid **2** [Inf.] a small or young person, esp. an impudent one

squish (skwish) *vi.* [echoic var. of SQUASH[1]] to make a soft, splashing sound when squeezed, etc. —*vt.* [Inf.] to squash —*n.* **1** a squishing sound **2** [Inf.] a squashing —**squish′y**, **-i·er**, **-i·est**, *adj.*

Sr[1] *abbrev.* **1** Senior **2** Sister

Sr[2] *Chem. symbol for* strontium

Sri Lan·ka (srē läŋ′kə) country coextensive with an island off the SE tip of India: 25,332 sq. mi.; pop. 14,847,000 — **Sri Lan′kan**

SRO *abbrev.* **1** single room occupancy **2** standing room only

SS *abbrev.* **1** Social Security **2** steamship

SST *abbrev.* supersonic transport

St *abbrev.* **1** Saint **2** Strait **3** Street

stab (stab) *n.* [prob. < ME *stubbe*, stub] **1** a wound made by stabbing **2** a thrust, as with a knife **3** a sudden, sharp pain —*vt.*, *vi.* **stabbed**, **stab′bing** **1** to pierce or wound as with a knife **2** to thrust (a knife, etc.) into something **3** to pain sharply —**make** (or **take**) **a stab at** [Inf.] to make an attempt at

sta·bil·i·ty (stə bil′ə tē) *n.* **1** a being stable; steadiness **2** firmness of character, purpose, etc. **3** permanence

sta·bi·lize (stā′bə līz′) *vt.* **-lized′**, **-liz′ing** **1** to make stable **2** to keep from changing **3** to give stability to (a plane or ship) —*vi.* to become stabilized —**sta′bi·li·za′tion** *n.* —**sta′bi·liz′er** *n.*

sta·ble[1] (stā′bəl) *adj.* **-bler**, **-blest** [< L *stare*, to stand] **1** not likely to give way; firm; fixed **2** firm in character, purpose, etc.; steadfast **3** not likely to change; lasting

sta·ble[2] (stā′bəl) *n.* [see prec.] **1** a building in which horses or cattle are sheltered and fed **2** all the racehorses belonging to one owner —*vt.*, *vi.* **-bled**, **-bling** to lodge, keep, or be kept in or as in a stable

stac·ca·to (stə kät′ō) *adj.*, *adv.* [It < *distaccare*, detach] *Music* with distinct breaks between successive tones

stack (stak) *n.* [< ON *stakkr*] **1** a large, neatly arranged pile of straw, hay, etc. **2** any orderly pile **3** SMOKESTACK **4** [*pl.*] a series of bookshelves, as in a library —*vt.* **1** to arrange in a stack **2** to rig so as to predetermine the outcome —**stack up** to stand in comparison (*with* or *against*)

sta·di·um (stā′dē əm) *n.* [< Gr *stadion*, ancient unit of length, *c.* 607 feet] a large structure as for sports events, with tiers of seats for spectators

staff (staf) *n.*, *pl.* **staffs**; also, for 1 & 4, **staves** [OE *stæf*] **1** a stick or rod used as a support, a symbol of authority, etc. **2** a group of people assisting a leader **3** a specific group of workers [a teaching *staff*] **4** *Music* the horizontal lines on and between which notes are written —*vt.* to provide with a staff, as of workers

staff′er *n.* a member of a staff, as of a newspaper

stag (stag) *n.* [OE *stagga*] a full-grown male deer —*adj.* for men only [a *stag* dinner]

stage (stāj) *n.* [< L *stare*, to stand] **1** a platform **2** *a*) an area or platform on which plays, etc. are presented *b*) the theater, or acting as a profession (with *the*) **3** the scene of an event **4** a stopping place, or the distance between stops, on a journey **5** *short for* STAGECOACH **6** a period or level in a process of development [the larval *stage*] **7** any of the propulsion units used in sequence to launch a missile, spacecraft, etc. —*vt.* **staged**, **stag′ing** **1** to present as on a stage **2** to plan and carry out [to *stage* an attack]

stage′coach′ *n.* a horse-drawn public coach that, formerly, traveled a regular route

stage′hand′ *n.* one who sets up scenery, furniture, lights, etc. for a stage play

stage′-struck′ *adj.* having an intense desire to become an actor or actress

stag·ger (stag′ər) *vi.* [< ON *stakra*, totter] to totter, reel, etc. as from a blow or fatigue —*vt.* **1** to cause to stagger, as with a blow **2** to affect strongly with astonishment, grief, etc. **3** to set or arrange alternately, as on either side of a line; make zigzag **4** to arrange so as to come at different times [to *stagger* employees' vacations] —*n.* **1** a staggering **2** [*pl.*, *with sing. or pl. v.*] a nervous disease of horses, etc. causing this

stag·nant (stag′nənt) *adj.* [see fol.] **1** not flowing or moving **2** foul from lack of movement: said of water **3** dull; sluggish

stag′nate′ (-nāt′) ***vi.***, ***vt.*** **-nat′ed, -nat′ing** ‖< L *stagnare*‖ to become or make stagnant —**stag·na′tion** ***n.***

staid (stād) ***vi.***, ***vt.*** *archaic pt. & pp. of* STAY[3] —***adj.*** sober; sedate —**staid′ly** ***adv.***

stain (stān) ***vt.*** ‖ult. < L *dis-*, from + *tingere*, to tinge‖ **1** to spoil by discoloring or spotting **2** to disgrace; dishonor **3** to color (wood, etc.) with a dye —***n.*** **1** a color or spot resulting from staining **2** a moral blemish **3** a dye for staining wood, etc.

stain′less steel steel alloyed with chromium, etc., virtually immune to rust and corrosion

stair (ster) ***n.*** ‖OE *stæger*‖ **1** [*usually pl.*] a stairway **2** a single step, as of a stairway

stair′case′ ***n.*** a stairway in a building, usually with a handrail

stair′way′ ***n.*** a means of access, as from one level of a building to another, consisting of a series of stairs

stair′well′ ***n.*** a vertical shaft (in a building) containing a staircase

stake (stāk) ***n.*** ‖OE *staca*‖ **1** a pointed length of wood or metal for driving into the ground **2** the post to which a person was tied for execution by burning **3** [*often pl.*] money risked, as in a wager or business venture **4** [*often pl.*] the winner's prize in a race, etc. —***vt.*** **staked, stak′ing** **1** to mark the boundaries of *[*to *stake* out a claim*]* **2** to fasten to a stake or stakes **3** to gamble **4** [Inf.] to furnish with money or resources —**at stake** being risked —**pull up stakes** [Inf.] to change one's residence, etc. —**stake out** to put under police surveillance

stake′out′ ***n.*** **1** the putting of a suspect or a place under police surveillance **2** an area under such surveillance

sta·lac·tite (stə lak′tīt) ***n.*** ‖< Gr *stalaktos*, trickling‖ an icicle-shaped mineral deposit hanging from a cave roof

sta·lag (shtä′läk; *E* stä′läg) ***n.*** ‖Ger‖ a German prisoner-of-war camp, esp. in WWII

sta·lag·mite (stə lag′mīt′) ***n.*** ‖< Gr *stalagmos*, a dropping‖ a cone-shaped mineral deposit built up on a cave floor by dripping water

stale (stāl) ***adj.*** **stal′er, stal′est** ‖prob. < OFr *estale*, quiet‖ **1** no longer fresh; flat, dry, etc. **2** trite *[*a *stale* joke*]* **3** out of condition, bored, etc.

stale′mate′ ***n.*** ‖< OFr *estal*, fixed location‖ **1** *Chess* any situation in which a player cannot move: it results in a draw **2** any deadlock —***vt.*** **-mat′ed, -mat′ing** to bring into a stalemate

Sta·lin (stä′lin), **Joseph** 1879-1953; Soviet premier (1941-53) —**Sta′lin·ism′** ***n.*** —**Sta′lin·ist** ***adj.***, ***n.***

stalk[1] (stôk) ***vi.***, ***vt.*** ‖OE *stealcian*‖ **1** to walk (through) in a stiff, haughty manner **2** to advance grimly **3** *a*) to pursue (game, etc.) stealthily *b*) to pursue (a person) in a persistent, harassing, obsessive way —***n.*** **1** a slow, stiff, haughty stride **2** a stalking

stalk[2] (stôk) ***n.*** ‖ME *stalke*‖ **1** any stem or stemlike part **2** the main stem of a plant

stall[1] (stôl) ***n.*** ‖OE *steall*‖ **1** a section for one animal in a stable **2** *a*) a booth, etc. as at a market *b*) a pew in a church **3** the state of being in a stop or standstill, as a result of some malfunction —***vt.***, ***vi.*** **1** to keep or be kept in a stall **2** to bring or be brought to a standstill, esp. unintentionally

stall[2] (stôl) ***vi.***, ***vt.*** ‖< *stall,* a decoy‖ to act evasively so as to deceive or delay —***n.*** any action used in stalling

stal·lion (stal′yən) ***n.*** ‖< OFr *estalon*‖ an uncastrated male horse

stal·wart (stôl′wərt) ***adj.*** ‖< OE *stathol*, foundation + *wyrthe*, worth‖ **1** strong; sturdy **2** brave; valiant **3** resolute; firm —***n.*** a stalwart person

sta·men (stā′mən) ***n.*** ‖< L, thread‖ the pollen-bearing organ in a flower

Stam·ford (stam′fərd) city in SW Connecticut: pop. 108,000

stam·i·na (stam′ə nə) ***n.*** ‖L, pl. of STAMEN‖ resistance to fatigue, illness, hardship, etc.; endurance

stam·mer (stam′ər) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** ‖OE *stamerian*‖ to speak or say with involuntary pauses and rapid repetitions of some sounds —***n.*** a stammering —**stam′mer·er** ***n.***

stamp (stamp) ***vt.*** ‖ME *stampen*‖ **1** to bring (the foot) down forcibly **2** to crush or pound with the foot **3** to imprint or cut out (a design, etc.) **4** to cut (*out*) by pressing with a die **5** to put a stamp on —***vi.*** **1** to bring the foot down forcibly **2** to walk with loud, heavy steps, as in anger —***n.*** **1** a stamping **2** *a*) a machine, tool, or die for stamping *b*) a mark or form made by stamping **3** any of various seals, gummed pieces of paper, etc. used to show that a fee, as for postage, has been paid **4** any similar stamp **5** class; kind —**stamp out** **1** to crush by treading on forcibly **2** to suppress, or put down —**stamp′er** ***n.***

stam·pede (stam pēd′) ***n.*** ‖< Sp *estampar*, to stamp‖ a sudden, headlong rush or flight, as of a herd of cattle —***vi.*** **-ped′ed, -ped′ing** to move, or take part, in a stampede

stamping ground [Inf.] a favorite gathering place: *also used in pl.*

stance (stans) ***n.*** ‖< L *stare*, to stand‖ **1** the way one stands, esp. the placement of the feet **2** the attitude taken in a given situation

stanch ***vt.***, ***vi.***, ***adj.*** *see* STAUNCH

stan·chion (stan′chən) ***n.*** ‖see STANCE‖ **1** an upright post or support **2** a device for confining a cow, fitted loosely around the neck

stand (stand) ***vi.*** **stood, stand′ing** ‖OE *standan*‖ **1** to be in, or assume, an upright position on the feet **2** to be supported on a base, pedestal, etc. **3** to take or be in a (specified) position, attitude, etc. **4** to have a (specified) height when standing **5** to be placed or situated **6** to gather and remain: said as of water **7** to remain unchanged **8** to make resistance **9** *a*) to halt *b*) to be

stationary —*vt.* **1** to place upright **2** to endure **3** to withstand **4** to undergo *[to stand trial]* —*n.* **1** a standing; esp., a halt or stop **2** a position; station **3** a view, opinion, etc. **4** a structure to stand or sit on **5** a place of business, esp. a stall, etc. where goods are sold **6** a rack, small table, etc. for holding things **7** a growth of trees, etc. —**stand a chance** to have a chance (*of* winning, surviving, etc.) —**stand by 1** to be ready if needed **2** to aid —**stand for 1** to represent; mean **2** [Inf.] to tolerate —**stand on 1** to be founded on **2** to insist upon —**stand out 1** to project **2** to be distinct, prominent, etc. —**stand up 1** to rise to a standing position **2** to prove valid, durable, etc. **3** [Slang] to fail to keep a date with —**take the stand** to testify in court

stand·ard (stan′dərd) *n.* ‖< OFr *estendard*‖ **1** a flag or banner used as an emblem of a military unit, etc. **2** something established for use as a rule or basis of comparison in measuring **3** an upright support —*adj.* **1** used as, or conforming to, a standard, rule, model, etc. **2** generally accepted as reliable or authoritative **3** typical; ordinary

stand′ard-bear′er *n.* **1** one who carries the flag **2** the leader of a movement, political party, etc.

stand′ard·ize′ *vt.* **-ized′**, **-iz′ing** to make standard or uniform —**stand′ard·i·za′tion** *n.*

standard time the time in any of the 24 time zones, each an hour apart, into which the earth is divided, based on distance east or west of Greenwich, England

stand′by′ *n.*, *pl.* **-bys′** a person or thing that is dependable or is a possible substitute

stand·ee (stan dē′) *n.* one who stands, as in a theater or bus

stand′-in′ *n.* a temporary substitute, as for an actor at rehearsals

stand′ing *n.* **1** status or reputation *[in good standing]* **2** duration *[a rule of long standing]* —*adj.* **1** upright or erect **2** from a standing position *[a standing jump]* **3** stagnant: said as of water **4** lasting; permanent *[a standing order]*

stand′off′ *n.* a tie in a game or contest

stand′off′ish *adj.* reserved; aloof

stand′out′ *n.* [Inf.] a person or thing outstanding in performance or quality

stand′pipe′ *n.* a high vertical pipe or cylindrical tank, as in a town's water-supply system, for storing water at a desired pressure

stand′point′ *n.* point of view

stand′still′ *n.* a stop or halt

stand′-up′ *adj.* **1** in a standing position **2** designating a comedian who tells jokes, etc., as in a nightclub

stank (staŋk) *vi. alt. pt. of* STINK

stan·za (stan′zə) *n.* ‖It: ult. < L *stare*, to stand‖ a group of lines of verse forming a division of a poem or song

staph (staf) *n. short for* STAPHYLOCOCCUS

staph·y·lo·coc·cus (staf′ə lō käk′kəs) *n.*, *pl.* **-coc′ci′** (-käk′sī′) ‖< Gr *staphylē*, bunch of grapes + *kokkos*, kernel‖ any of certain spherical bacteria, a common source of infection

sta·ple[1] (stā′pəl) *n.* ‖< MDu *stapel*, mart‖ **1** a chief commodity made or grown in a particular place **2** a chief part or element in anything **3** a regularly stocked item of trade, as flour, salt, etc. **4** the fiber of cotton, wool, etc. —*adj.* **1** regularly stocked, produced, or used **2** most important; principal

sta·ple[2] (stā′pəl) *n.* ‖OE *stapol*, a post‖ a U-shaped piece of metal with sharp ends, driven into wood, etc. as to fasten something, or through papers as a binding —*vt.* **-pled**, **-pling** to fasten or bind with a staple or staples —**sta′pler** *n.*

star (stär) *n.* ‖OE *steorra*‖ **1** any of the luminous celestial objects seen as points of light in the sky; esp., any far-off, self-luminous one **2** such an object regarded as influencing one's fate: *often used in pl.* **3** a conventionalized figure with five or six points, or anything like this **4** ASTERISK **5** one who excels, as in a sport **6** a leading actor or actress —*vt.* **starred**, **star′ring** **1** to mark with stars as a decoration, etc. **2** to feature (an actor or actress) in a leading role —*vi.* **1** to perform brilliantly **2** to perform as a star, as in films —*adj.* **1** having great skill; outstanding **2** of a star

star·board (stär′bərd, -bôrd′) *n.* ‖< OE *steoran*, to steer (rudder formerly on right side) + *bord*, side (of ship)‖ the right-hand side of a ship, etc. as one faces forward —*adj.* of or on this side

starch (stärch) *n.* ‖< OE *stearc*, stiff‖ **1** a white, tasteless, odorless food substance found in potatoes, cereals, etc. **2** a powdered form of this, used in laundering for stiffening cloth, etc. —*vt.* to stiffen as with starch —**starch′y**, **-i·er**, **-i·est**, *adj.*

star′-crossed′ *adj.* ‖see STAR, *n.* 2‖ ill-fated

star·dom (stär′dəm) *n.* the status of a star, as of films

stare (ster) *vi.* **stared**, **star′ing** ‖OE *starian*‖ to gaze steadily and intently —*vt.* to look fixedly at —*n.* a steady, intent look —**star′er** *n.*



STARFISH

star′fish′ *n.*, *pl.* **-fish′** or (for different species) **-fish′es** a small, star-shaped sea animal

star′gaze′ *vi.* **-gazed′**, **-gaz′ing** **1** to gaze at the stars **2** to indulge in dreamy thought —**star′gaz′er** *n.*

stark (stärk) *adj.* ‖OE *stearc*‖ **1** rigorous; severe **2** sharply outlined **3** bleak; desolate **4** sheer; downright —*adv.* utterly; wholly

star'less *adj.* with no stars visible
star·let (stär'lit) *n.* a young actress being promoted as a future star
star'light' *n.* light given by the stars — **star'lit'** *adj.*
star·ling (stär'liŋ) *n.* [[OE *stær*]] any of an Old World family of birds; esp., the **common starling** with iridescent plumage, introduced into the U.S.
Star of David a six-pointed star, Judaic symbol
star'ry *adj.* **-ri·er, -ri·est** **1** shining; bright **2** lighted by or full of stars
star'ry-eyed' *adj.* **1** with sparkling eyes **2** overly optimistic
Stars and Stripes *name for* the U.S. flag
star'-span'gled *adj.* studded with stars
Star-Spangled Banner the U.S. national anthem
star'-struck' or **star'struck'** *adj.* fascinated by celebrities, esp. by stars of movies, etc.
start (stärt) *vi.* [[OE *styrtan*]] **1** to make a sudden or involuntary move **2** to go into action or motion; begin; commence **3** to spring into being, activity, etc. —*vt.* **1** to flush (game) **2** to displace, loosen, etc. *[to start a seam]* **3** *a*) to begin to play, do, etc. *b*) to set into motion, action, etc. **4** to cause to be an entrant in a race, etc. **5** to play in (a game) at the beginning —*n.* **1** a sudden, startled reaction or movement **2** a starting, or beginning **3** *a*) a place or time of beginning *b*) a lead or other advantage **4** an opportunity of beginning a career — **start out** (or **off**) to start a journey, project, etc. —**start'er** *n.*
star·tle (stär'l) *vt.* **-tled, -tling** [[< ME *sterten*, to start]] to surprise, frighten, or alarm suddenly; esp., to cause to start —*vi.* to be startled
start'-up' *adj.*, *n.* (of) a new business venture
starve (stärv) *vi.* **starved, starv'ing** [[< OE *steorfan*, to die]] **1** to die from lack of food **2** to suffer from hunger **3** to suffer great need: with *for* —*vt.* **1** to cause to starve **2** to force by starvation —**star·va·tion** (stär vā'shən) *n.*
starve'ling (-liŋ) *n.* a person or animal that is weak from lack of food
Star Wars [[from a film title]] [Inf.] a proposed defense system of space-based weapons for destroying missiles
stash (stash) [Inf.] *vt.* [[< ?]] to put or hide away (money, etc.) —*n.* **1** a place for hiding things **2** something hidden away
-stat (stat) *combining form* a device or agent that keeps something (specified) stable *[thermostat]*
state (stāt) *n.* [[< L *stare*, to stand]] **1** a set of circumstances, etc. characterizing a person or thing; condition **2** condition as regards structure, form, etc. **3** rich display; pomp **4** [*sometimes* **S-**] a body of people politically organized under one government; nation **5** [*often* **S-**] any of the political units forming a federal government, as in the U.S. **6** civil government *[church and state]* —*adj.* **1** formal; ceremonial **2** [*sometimes* **S-**] of the government or of a state —*vt.* **stat'ed, stat'ing** **1** to establish by specifying **2** *a*) to set forth in words *b*) to express nonverbally —**in a state** [Inf.] in an excited condition —**lie in state** to be displayed formally before burial — **the States** the United States
state'hood' *n.* the condition of being a state
state'house' *n.* [*often* **S-**] the official legislative meeting place of each U.S. state
state'less *adj.* having no state or nationality
state'ly *adj.* **-li·er, -li·est** **1** imposing; majestic **2** slow, dignified, etc. — **state'li·ness** *n.*
state'ment *n.* **1** *a*) a stating *b*) a declaration, assertion, etc. **2** *a*) a financial account *b*) a bill; invoice
Stat·en Island (stat''n) island borough of New York City: pop. 379,000
state of the art the current level of sophistication, as of technology — **state'-of-the-art'** *adj.*
state'room' *n.* a private room on a ship or train
state'side' [Inf.] *adj.* of or in the U.S. (as viewed from abroad) —*adv.* in or to the U.S.
states·man (stāts'mən) *n.*, *pl.* **-men** (-mən) one who is wise or experienced in the business of government — **states'man·ship'** *n.*
stat·ic (stat'ik) *adj.* [[< Gr *statikos*, causing to stand]] **1** of masses, forces, etc. at rest or in equilibrium **2** at rest; inactive **3** of or producing stationary electrical charges, as from friction **4** of or having to do with static —*n.* **1** noise in radio or TV reception, caused by atmospheric electrical discharges **2** [Slang] adverse criticism —**stat'i·cal·ly** *adv.*
sta·tion (stā'shən) *n.* [[< L *stare*, to stand]] **1** the place where a person or thing stands or is located; esp., an assigned post **2** a building, etc. at which a service, etc. is provided *[police station]* **3** a regular stopping place, as on a railroad **4** social standing **5** *a*) a place equipped for radio or TV transmission *b*) its assigned frequency or channel —*vt.* to assign to a station
sta·tion·ar·y (stā'shə ner'ē) *adj.* **1** not moving; fixed **2** unchanging
station break a pause in radio or TV programs for station identification
sta·tion·er (stā'shə nər) *n.* [[< ML *stationarius*, shopkeeper]] a dealer in office supplies, etc.
sta'tion·er'y (-ner'ē) *n.* writing materials; specif., paper and envelopes
station wagon an automobile with extra space for cargo or seating and a rear door for loading
sta·tis·tics (stə tis'tiks) *pl.n.* [[< L *status*, standing]] numerical data assembled and classified so as to present significant information —*n.* the science of compiling such data —**sta·tis'ti·cal** *adj.* —**stat·is·ti·cian** (stat'is tish'ən) *n.*
stats (stats) *pl.n.* [Inf.] *short for* STATISTICS
stat·u·ar·y (stach'o͞o er'ē) *n.* statues col-

lectively

stat·ue (stach′o͞o) *n.* [< L *statuere,* to set] a figure, as of a person, or an abstract form carved in stone, cast in bronze, etc.

stat′u·esque′ (-esk′) *adj.* tall and stately

stat′u·ette′ (-et′) *n.* a small statue

stat·ure (stach′ər) *n.* [< L *statura*] 1 standing height, esp. of a person 2 level of attainment *[*moral *stature]*

sta·tus (stat′əs, stāt′-) *n., pl.* **-tus·es** [L, standing] 1 legal condition *[*the *status* of a minor*]* 2 *a*) position; rank *b*) prestige 3 state, as of affairs

status quo (kwō′) [L, the state in which] the existing state of affairs

status symbol a possession regarded as a mark of high social status

stat·ute (stach′o͞ot) *n.* [see STATUE] 1 an established rule 2 a law passed by a legislative body

statute of limitations a statute limiting the time for legal action

stat·u·to·ry (stach′o͞o tôr′ē) *adj.* 1 fixed or authorized by statute 2 punishable by statute

St. Au·gus·tine (ô′gəs tēn′) seaport in NE Florida: oldest city (founded 1565) in the U.S.: pop. 12,000

staunch (stônch, stänch) *vt.* [< L *stare,* to stand] to check the flow of (blood, etc.) from (a cut, etc.) —*vi.* to stop flowing —*adj.* 1 seaworthy 2 steadfast; loyal 3 strong; solid Also, esp. for v., **stanch** (stänch, stanch) —**staunch′ly** *adv.*

stave (stāv) *n.* [< *staves,* pl. of STAFF] 1 any of the shaped strips of wood forming the wall of a barrel, bucket, etc. 2 a stick or staff 3 a stanza —*vt.* **staved** or **stove, stav′ing** to smash or break (*in*) —**stave off** to hold off or put off

staves (stāvz) *n.* 1 *alt. pl. of* STAFF 2 *pl. of* STAVE

stay[1] (stā) *n.* [OE *stæg*] a heavy rope or cable, used as a brace or support

stay[2] (stā) *n.* [Fr *estaie*] 1 a support or prop 2 a strip of stiffening material used in a corset, shirt collar, etc. —*vt.* to support, or prop up

stay[3] (stā) *vi.* **stayed, stay′ing** [< L *stare,* to stand] 1 to continue in the place or condition specified; remain 2 to live; dwell 3 to stop; halt 4 to pause; delay 5 [Inf.] to continue; last —*vt.* 1 to stop or check 2 to hinder or detain 3 to postpone (legal action) 4 to satisfy (thirst, etc.) for a time 5 *a*) to remain to the end of *b*) to be able to last through —*n.* 1 *a*) a stopping or being stopped *b*) a halt or pause 2 a postponement in legal action 3 the action of remaining, or the time spent, in a place —**stay put** [Inf.] to remain in place or unchanged

staying power endurance

St. Cath·ar·ines (kath′ər inz) city in SE Ontario, Canada: pop. 131,000

St. Chris·to·pher (kris′tə fər) St. Kitts: see ST. KITTS AND NEVIS

STD *abbrev.* sexually transmitted disease

Ste [Fr *Sainte*] *abbrev.* 1 Saint (female) 2 Suite

stead (sted) *n.* [OE *stede*] the place of a person or thing as filled by a substitute —**stand someone in good stead** to give someone good service

stead′fast′ *adj.* [OE *stedefæste*] 1 firm; fixed 2 constant —**stead′fast′ly** *adv.*

stead′y *adj.* **-i·er, -i·est** [STEAD + -Y[2]] 1 firm; stable; not shaky 2 constant, regular, or uniform *[*a *steady* gaze*]* 3 constant in behavior, loyalty, etc. 4 habitual or regular; by habit *[*a *steady* customer*]* 5 calm and controlled *[steady* nerves*]* 6 sober; reliable —*vt., vi.* **-ied, -y·ing** to make or become steady —*n.* [Inf.] a person one dates regularly —*adv.* in a steady manner —**go steady** [Inf.] to date someone (or each other) exclusively —**stead′i·ly** *adv.* —**stead′i·ness** *n.*

steak (stāk) *n.* [< ON *steikja,* to roast on a spit] a slice of beef, fish, etc. for broiling or frying

steal (stēl) *vt.* **stole, stol′en, steal′ing** [OE *stælan*] 1 to take (another's property, etc.) dishonestly or unlawfully, esp. in a secret manner 2 to take (a look, etc.) slyly 3 to gain insidiously or artfully *[*he *stole* her heart*]* 4 to move, put, etc. stealthily (*in, from,* etc.) 5 *Baseball* to gain (a base), as by running to it from another base while the pitch is being delivered —*vi.* 1 to be a thief 2 to move, etc. stealthily —*n.* [Inf.] an extraordinary bargain

stealth (stelth) *n.* [< ME *stelen,* to steal] secret or furtive action —*adj.* of or using technology that prevents detection by enemy radar —**stealth′y** *adj.* —**stealth′i·ly** *adv.*

steam (stēm) *n.* [OE] 1 water as converted into a vapor by being heated to the boiling point 2 the power of steam under pressure 3 condensed water vapor 4 [Inf.] vigor; energy —*adj.* using, conveying, or operated by, steam —*vi.* 1 to give off steam 2 to become covered or coated with condensed steam: usually with *up* 3 to move by steam power —*vt.* to cook, remove, etc. with steam —**steam′y, -i·er, -i·est,** *adj.*

steam′boat′ *n.* a small steamship

steam engine an engine using steam under pressure to supply mechanical energy

steam′er *n.* 1 something operated by steam, as a steamship 2 a container for cooking, cleaning, etc. with steam

steam′fit′ter *n.* one whose work is installing boilers, pipes, etc. in steam-pressure systems

steam′roll′er *n.* a construction machine or vehicle with a heavy roller —*vt., vi.* to move, crush, override, etc. as (with) a steamroller: also **steam′roll′**

steam′ship′ *n.* a ship driven by steam power

steam shovel a large, mechanically operated digger

steed (stēd) *n.* [OE *steda*] a horse for riding

steel (stēl) *n.* [OE *stiele*] 1 a hard, tough alloy of iron with carbon 2 a thing of steel 3 great strength or hard-

ness —***adj.*** of or like steel —***vt.*** to make hard, tough, etc. —**steel'y**, **-i·er**, **-i·est**, ***adj.***

steel wool long, thin shavings of steel in a pad, used for scouring, polishing, etc.

steel'yard' ***n.*** [STEEL + obs. *yard*, rod] a scale consisting of a metal arm suspended from above

steep[1] (stēp) ***adj.*** [OE *steap*, lofty] **1** having a sharp rise or slope; precipitous **2** [Inf.] excessive; extreme —**steep'ly** ***adv.*** —**steep'ness** ***n.***

steep[2] (stēp) ***vt.*** [ME *stepen*] to soak, saturate, imbue, etc.

stee·ple (stē'pəl) ***n.*** [OE *stepel*] **1** a tower rising above the main structure, as of a church **2** a spire

stee'ple·chase' ***n.*** a horse race run over a course obstructed with ditches, hedges, etc.

stee'ple·jack' ***n.*** one who builds or repairs steeples, smokestacks, etc.

steer[1] (stir) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** [OE *stieran*] **1** to guide (a ship, etc.) with a rudder **2** to direct the course of (an automobile, etc.) **3** to follow (a course) —**steer clear of** to avoid —**steer'a·ble** ***adj.***

steer[2] (stir) ***n.*** [OE *steor*] a castrated male ox, esp. one raised for beef

steer·age (stir'ij) ***n.*** **1** a steering **2** [Historical] a section in a ship for the passengers paying the lowest fare

steg·o·sau·rus (steg'ə sôr'əs) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ri** (-ī) [< Gr *stegos*, roof + *sauros*, lizard] a large dinosaur with pointed, bony plates along the backbone

stein (stīn) ***n.*** [Ger] a beer mug

stein'bok' (-bäk') ***n.*** [Ger] an African antelope

stel·lar (stel'ər) ***adj.*** [< L *stella*, a star] **1** of a star **2** excellent **3** leading; chief *[a stellar role]*

stem[1] (stem) ***n.*** [OE *stemn*] **1** the main stalk of a plant **2** any stalk or part supporting leaves, flowers, or fruit **3** a stemlike part, as of a pipe, goblet, etc. **4** the prow of a ship; bow **5** the part of a word to which inflectional endings are added —***vt.*** **stemmed**, **stem'ming** to make headway against *[to stem the tide]* —***vi.*** to derive

stem[2] (stem) ***vt.*** **stemmed**, **stem'ming** [< ON *stemma*] to stop or check by or as if by damming up

stem'ware' ***n.*** goblets, wineglasses, etc. having stems

stench (stench) ***n.*** [< OE *stincan*, to stink] an offensive smell; stink

sten·cil (sten'səl) ***vt.*** **-ciled** or **-cilled**, **-cil·ing** or **-cil·ling** [ult. < L *scintilla*, a spark] to make or mark with a stencil —***n.*** **1** a thin sheet, as of paper, cut through so that when ink, etc. is applied, designs, letters, etc. form on the surface beneath **2** a design, etc. so made

ste·nog·ra·phy (stə näg'rə fē) ***n.*** shorthand writing, as of dictation, testimony, etc., for later transcription —**ste·nog'ra·pher** ***n.*** —**sten·o·graph·ic** (sten'ə graf'ik) ***adj.***

stent (stent) ***n.*** [after C.R. *Stent*, Brit dentist] a surgical device used to hold tissue in place, as inside a blood vessel to keep the vessel open

sten·to·ri·an (sten tôr'ē ən) ***adj.*** [after *Stentor*, Gr herald in the *Iliad*] very loud

step (step) ***n.*** [OE *stepe*] **1** a single movement of the foot, as in walking **2** the distance covered by such a movement **3** a short distance **4** a manner of stepping **5** the sound of stepping **6** a rest for the foot in climbing, as a stair **7** a degree; level; stage **8** any of a series of acts, processes, etc. —***vi.*** **stepped**, **step'ping** **1** to move by executing a step **2** to walk a short distance **3** to move briskly (*along*) **4** to enter (*into* a situation, etc.) **5** to press the foot down (*on*) —***vt.*** to measure by taking steps: with *off* —**in** (or **out of**) **step** conforming (or not conforming) to a rhythm, a regular procedure, etc. —**step by step** **1** gradually **2** by noting each stage in a process —**step down** to resign —**step up** **1** to advance **2** to increase, as in rate —**take steps** to do the things needed —**step'per** ***n.***

step'broth'er ***n.*** one's stepparent's son by a former marriage

step'child' ***n.***, *pl.* **-chil'dren** [< OE *steop-*, orphaned + *cild*, child] one's spouse's child (**step'daugh'ter** or **step'son'**) by a former marriage

step'-down' ***n.*** a decrease, as in amount, intensity, etc.

step'lad'der ***n.*** a four-legged ladder with broad, flat steps

step'par'ent ***n.*** the person (**step'fa'ther** or **step'moth'er**) who has married one's parent after the death of or divorce from the other parent

steppe (step) ***n.*** [Russ *styep'*] any of the great plains of SE Europe and Asia, having few trees

step'ping·stone' ***n.*** **1** a stone to step on, as in crossing a stream **2** a means of bettering oneself

step'sis'ter ***n.*** one's stepparent's daughter by a former marriage

step'-up' ***n.*** an increase, as in amount, intensity, etc.

-ster (stər) [OE *-estre*] *suffix* one who is, does, creates, or is associated with (something specified) *[trickster, gangster]*

ster·e·o (ster'ē ō') ***n.***, *pl.* **-os'** a stereophonic device, system, effect, etc. —***adj.*** *short for* STEREOPHONIC

stereo- [< Gr *stereos*, solid] *combining form* solid, firm, three-dimensional *[stereoscope]*

ster·e·o·phon·ic (ster'ē ə fän'ik) ***adj.*** designating or of sound reproduction using two or more channels to carry a blend of sounds from separate sources through separate speakers

ster'e·o·scop'ic (-skäp'ik) ***adj.*** appearing three-dimensional

ster'e·o·type' (-tīp') ***n.*** [see STEREO- & -TYPE] **1** a printing plate cast from a mold, as a page of set type **2** a fixed or conventional notion or conception —***vt.*** **-typed'**, **-typ'ing** to make a stereotype of —**ster'e·o·typed'** ***adj.***

ster′e·o·typ′i·cal (-tip′i kəl) ***adj.*** **1** stereotyped **2** hackneyed

ster·ile (ster′əl) ***adj.*** [L *sterilis*] **1** incapable of producing offspring, fruit, etc.; barren **2** free from living microorganisms —**ste·ril·i·ty** (stə ril′ ə tē) ***n.***

ster′i·lize′ (-ə līz′) ***vt.*** **-lized′**, **-liz′ing** to make sterile; specif., *a*) to make incapable of reproduction *b*) to make free of germs, etc. —**ster′i·li·za′tion** ***n.*** —**ster′i·liz′er** ***n.***

ster·ling (stʉr′liŋ) ***n.*** [ME *sterlinge*, Norman coin] **1** sterling silver **2** British money —***adj.*** **1** of silver that is at least 92.5 percent pure **2** of British money **3** made of sterling silver **4** excellent *[a sterling* reputation*]*

stern[1] (stʉrn) ***adj.*** [OE *styrne*] **1** severe; strict *[stern* measures*]* **2** grim *[a stern* face*]* **3** relentless or firm —**stern′ly** ***adv.*** —**stern′ness** ***n.***

stern[2] (stʉrn) ***n.*** [< ON *styra*, to steer] the rear end of a ship, etc.

ster·num (stʉr′nəm) ***n.***, *pl.* **-nums** or **-na** (-nə) [< Gr *sternon*] the flat, bony structure to which most of the ribs are attached in the front of the chest; breastbone

ster·oid (stir′ȯid′, ster′ȯid′) ***n.*** [< (CHOLE)STER(OL) + -OID] any of a group of compounds including the bile acids, sex hormones, etc. —**ste·roi′dal** ***adj.***

stet (stet) ***v.*** *imper.* [L] let it stand: printer's term indicating that matter marked for deletion or change is to remain —***vt.*** **stet′ted**, **stet′ting** to mark with "stet"

steth·o·scope (steth′ə skōp′) ***n.*** [< Gr *stēthos*, chest + -SCOPE] *Med.* an instrument used to examine the heart, lungs, etc. by listening to the sounds they make

ste·ve·dore (stē′və dôr′) ***n.*** [ult. < L *stipare*, cram] LONGSHOREMAN

Ste·ven·son (stē′vən sən), **Rob·ert Lou·is** (rä′bərt lo͞o′is) 1850-94; Scot. writer

stew (st(y)o͞o) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** [ult. < L *ex-*, out + Gr *typhos*, steam] **1** to cook by simmering or boiling slowly **2** to worry —***n.*** **1** a dish, esp. of meat and vegetables, cooked by stewing **2** a state of worry

stew·ard (st(y)o͞o′ərd) ***n.*** [< OE *stig*, hall + *weard*, keeper] **1** a person put in charge of a large estate **2** an administrator, as of finances and property **3** one responsible for the food and drink, etc. in a club, etc. **4** an attendant, as on a ship or airplane **5** a union representative —**stew′ard·ship′** ***n.***

stew′ard·ess (-ər dis) ***n.*** a woman flight attendant

stick (stik) ***n.*** [OE *sticca*] **1** a twig or small branch broken or cut off **2** a long, slender piece of wood, as a club, cane, etc. **3** any sticklike piece *[a stick* of gum*]* —***vt.*** **stuck**, **stick′ing** **1** to pierce, as with a pointed instrument **2** to pierce with (a knife, pin, etc.) **3** to thrust (*in, into, out,* etc.) **4** to attach as by gluing, pinning, etc. **5** to obstruct, detain, etc. *[*the wheels were *stuck]* **6** [Inf.] to place; put; set **7** [Inf.] to puzzle; baffle **8** [Slang] *a*) to impose a burden, etc. upon *b*) to defraud —***vi.*** **1** to be fixed by a pointed end, as a nail **2** to adhere; cling; remain **3** to persevere *[*to *stick* at a job*]* **4** to remain firm and resolute *[*he *stuck* with us*]* **5** to become embedded, jammed, etc. **6** to become stopped or delayed **7** to hesitate; scruple *[*he'll *stick* at nothing*]* **8** to protrude or project (*out, up,* etc.) —**stick by** to remain loyal to —**stick up for** [Inf.] to uphold; defend —**the sticks** [Inf.] the rural districts

stick′er ***n.*** a person or thing that sticks; specif., a gummed label

stick′-in-the-mud′ ***n.*** [Inf.] one who resists change, new ideas, etc.

stick·le·back (stik′əl bak′) ***n.*** a small, bony-plated fish with sharp dorsal spines: the male builds a nest for the female's eggs

stick·ler (stik′lər) ***n.*** [prob. < ME *stightlen*, to order] **1** one who insists on a certain way of doing things *[*a *stickler* for discipline*]* **2** [Inf.] something difficult to solve

stick′pin′ ***n.*** an ornamental pin worn in a necktie, on a lapel, etc.

stick shift a gearshift, as on a car, operated manually

stick′um (-əm) ***n.*** [STICK + *'em*, short for THEM] [Inf.] any sticky, or adhesive, substance

stick′up′ ***n.*** *slang term for* HOLDUP (sense 2)

stick′y ***adj.*** **-i·er**, **-i·est** **1** that sticks; adhesive **2** [Inf.] hot and humid **3** [Inf.] troublesome —**stick′i·ness** ***n.***

stiff (stif) ***adj.*** [OE *stif*] **1** hard to bend or move; rigid; firm **2** sore or limited in movement: said of joints and muscles **3** not fluid; thick **4** strong; powerful *[*a *stiff* wind*]* **5** harsh *[stiff* punishment*]* **6** difficult *[*a *stiff* climb*]* **7** very formal or awkward **8** [Inf.] excessive *[*a *stiff* price*]* —***vt.*** **stiffed**, **stiff′ing** [Slang] to cheat —**stiff′ly** ***adv.*** —**stiff′ness** ***n.***

stiff′-arm′ ***vt.*** to push (someone) away with one's arm out straight

stiff′en ***vt.***, ***vi.*** to make or become stiff or stiffer —**stiff′en·er** ***n.***

stiff′-necked′ (-nekt′) ***adj.*** stubborn

sti·fle (stī′fəl) ***vt.*** **-fled**, **-fling** [< Fr *estouffer*] **1** to suffocate; smother **2** to suppress; hold back; stop *[*to *stifle* a sob*]* —***vi.*** to die or suffer from lack of air —**sti′fling·ly** ***adv.***

stig·ma (stig′mə) ***n.***, *pl.* **-mas** or **stig·ma′ta** (-mät′ə) [< Gr, lit., a puncture made with a sharp instrument] **1** a mark of disgrace or reproach **2** a spot on the skin, esp. one that bleeds **3** the upper tip of the pistil of a flower, on which pollen falls and develops —**stig·mat′ic** (-mat′ik) ***adj.***

stig′ma·tize′ (-tīz′) ***vt.*** **-tized′**, **-tiz′ing** to mark or characterize as disgraceful

stile (stīl) ***n.*** [< OE *stigan*, to climb] a set of steps for climbing over a fence or wall

sti·let·to (sti let′ō) ***n.***, *pl.* **-tos** or **-toes** [It < L *stilus*, pointed tool] a small dagger with a slender blade

still[1] (stil) ***adj.*** [OE *stille*] **1** noiseless; silent **2** stationary **3** tranquil; calm **4** designating or of a single photograph

taken from a film.—***n.*** **1** silence; quiet **2** a still photograph —***adv.*** **1** at or up to the time indicated **2** even; yet *[still* colder*]* **3** nevertheless; yet *[*rich but *still* unhappy*]* —***conj.*** nevertheless; yet —***vt.***, ***vi.*** to make or become still —**still'ness** ***n.***

still[2] (stil) ***n.*** ‖< obs. *still,* to distill‖ an apparatus used for distilling liquids, esp. alcoholic liquors

still'birth' ***n.*** **1** the birth of a stillborn fetus **2** such a fetus

still'born' ***adj.*** **1** dead when delivered from the uterus **2** unsuccessful from the start

still life *pl.* **still lifes** a picture of inanimate objects, as fruit, flowers, etc.

stilt (stilt) ***n.*** ‖ME *stilte*‖ **1** either of a pair of poles, each with a footrest, used for walking high off the ground **2** any of a number of long posts used to hold a building, etc. above ground or out of water **3** a bird with a long, slender bill and long legs

stilt·ed (stil'tid) ***adj.*** pompous, affected, etc.

stim·u·lant (stim'yə lənt) ***n.*** anything, as a drug, that stimulates

stim'u·late' (-lāt') ***vt.*** **-lat'ed**, **-lat'ing** ‖see fol.‖ to rouse or excite to activity or increased activity —**stim'u·la'tion** ***n.***

stim'u·lus (-ləs) ***n.***, *pl.* **-li'** (-lī') ‖L, a goad‖ **1** an incentive **2** any action or agent that causes an activity in an organism, organ, etc.

sting (stiŋ) ***vt.*** **stung**, **sting'ing** ‖OE *stingan*‖ **1** to prick or wound with a sting **2** to cause sudden, pricking pain to **3** to make unhappy **4** to stimulate suddenly and sharply **5** [Slang] to cheat —***vi.*** to cause or feel sharp, smarting pain —***n.*** **1** a stinging **2** a pain or wound resulting from stinging **3** a sharp-pointed organ, as in insects and plants, that pricks, wounds, etc. **4** [Slang] *a*) a swindling, as in a confidence game *b*) a scheme by police, etc. for entrapping lawbreakers

sting'er ***n.*** one that stings, specif., a STING (*n.* 3)

sting'ray' ***n.*** a large ray with one or more poisonous spines that can inflict painful wounds

stin·gy (stin'jē) ***adj.*** **-gi·er**, **-gi·est** ‖< dial. form of STING‖ **1** giving or spending grudgingly; miserly **2** less than needed; scanty —**stin'gi·ly** ***adv.*** —**stin'gi·ness** ***n.***

stink (stiŋk) ***vi.*** **stank** or **stunk**, **stunk**, **stink'ing** ‖OE *stincan*‖ to give off a strong, unpleasant smell —***n.*** a strong, unpleasant smell; stench —**stink'er** ***n.*** —**stink'y**, **-i·er**, **-i·est**, ***adj.***

stint (stint) ***vt.*** ‖< OE *styntan,* to blunt‖ to restrict to a certain quantity, often small —***vi.*** to be sparing in giving or using —***n.*** **1** restriction; limit **2** an assigned task or period of work —**stint'er** ***n.***

sti·pend (stī'pənd) ***n.*** ‖< L *stips,* coin + *pendere,* to pay‖ a regular or fixed payment, as a salary

stip·ple (stip'əl) ***vt.*** **-pled**, **-pling** ‖< Du *stippel,* a speckle‖ to paint, draw, or engrave in small dots

stip·u·late (stip'yə lāt') ***vt.*** **-lat'ed**, **-lat'ing** ‖< L *stipulari,* to bargain‖ **1** to arrange definitely **2** to specify as an essential condition of an agreement —**stip'u·la'tion** ***n.***

stir[1] (stur) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** **stirred**, **stir'ring** ‖OE *styrian*‖ **1** to move, esp. slightly **2** to make or be active **3** to mix (a liquid, etc.) as by agitating with a spoon **4** to excite the feelings (of) **5** to incite: often with *up* —***n.*** **1** a stirring **2** movement; activity **3** excitement; tumult —**stir'rer** ***n.***

stir[2] (stur) ***n.*** ‖19th-c. thieves' slang‖ [Slang] a prison

stir'-cra'zy ***adj.*** [Slang] anxious, tense, etc. from long, close confinement, specif. in prison

stir'-fry' ***vt.*** **-fried'**, **-fry'ing** to fry (diced or sliced vegetables, meat, etc.) quickly in a wok while stirring constantly

stir'ring ***adj.*** **1** active; busy **2** rousing; exciting

stir·rup (stur'əp) ***n.*** ‖OE *stigrap*‖ **1** a flat-bottomed ring hung from a saddle and used as a footrest **2** one of the three small bones in the middle ear

stitch (stich) ***n.*** ‖OE *stice,* a puncture‖ **1** *a*) a single complete in-and-out movement of a needle in sewing, etc. *b*) a suture **2** a loop, knot, etc. made by stitching **3** a particular kind of stitch or style of stitching **4** a sudden, sharp pain **5** a bit or piece —***vi.***, ***vt.*** to make stitches (in); sew —**in stitches** in a state of uproarious laughter

stitch'er·y (-ər ē) ***n.*** ornamental needlework

St. John's seaport & capital of Newfoundland: pop. 102,000

St. Kitts and Nevis (kits) country in the Leeward Islands, consisting of two islands, St. Kitts & Nevis: *c.* 101 sq. mi.; pop. 41,000

St. Lawrence river flowing from Lake Ontario into the Atlantic: the main section of an inland waterway (**St. Lawrence Seaway**) connecting the Great Lakes with the Atlantic

St. Lou·is (lo͞o'is, lo͞o'ē) city & port in E Missouri, on the Mississippi: pop. 397,000

St. Lu·ci·a (lo͞o'shē ə, lo͞o sē'ə) island country of the West Indies: 238 sq. mi.; pop. 133,000

stoat (stōt) ***n.*** ‖ME *stote*‖ a large European ermine, esp. in its brown summer coat

stock (stäk) ***n.*** ‖OE *stocc*‖ **1** the trunk of a tree **2** *a*) descent; lineage *b*) a strain, race, etc. of animals or plants **3** a supporting or main part of an implement, etc., as the wooden handle to which the barrel of a rifle is attached **4** [*pl.*] a wooden frame with holes for confining the ankles or wrists, formerly used for punishment **5** raw material **6** water in which meat, fish, etc. has been boiled, used in soups **7** livestock **8** a supply of goods on hand in a store, etc. **9** (a certificate for) a share or shares of corporate ownership **10** a stock company or its repertoire —***vt.*** **1** to furnish (a

farm, shop, etc.) with stock **2** to keep a supply of, as for sale or for future use —***vi.*** to put in a stock, or supply: with *up* —***adj.*** **1** kept in stock *[stock* sizes*]* **2** common or trite *[*a *stock* excuse*]* **3** that deals with stock **4** relating to a stock company —**in** (or **out of**) **stock** (not) available for sale or use —**take stock 1** to inventory the stock on hand **2** to make an appraisal — **take** (or **put**) **stock in** to have faith in

stock·ade (stä kād′) ***n.*** ‖< Prov *estaca,* a stake‖ **1** a barrier of stakes driven into the ground side by side, for defense **2** an enclosure, as a fort, made with such stakes **3** an enclosure for military prisoners

stock′bro′ker ***n.*** one who acts as an agent in buying and selling stocks, bonds, etc.

stock car a standard automobile, modified for racing

stock company a theatrical company presenting a repertoire of plays

stock exchange 1 a place where stocks and bonds are bought and sold **2** an association of stockbrokers Also **stock market**

stock′hold′er ***n.*** one owning stock in a given company

Stock·holm (stäk′hōm′, -hōlm′) seaport & capital of Sweden: pop. 704,000

stock′ing ***n.*** ‖< obs. sense of *stock*‖ a closefitting covering, usually knitted, for the foot and leg

stocking cap a long, tapered knitted cap, often with a tassel at the end

stock′pile′ ***n.*** a reserve supply of goods, raw material, etc. —***vt.***, ***vi.*** **-piled′**, **-pil′ing** to accumulate a stockpile (of)

stock′-still′ ***adj.*** motionless

Stock·ton (stäk′tən) city in central California: pop. 211,000

stock′y ***adj.*** **-i·er**, **-i·est** heavily built; short and thickset —**stock′i·ness** ***n.***

stock′yard′ ***n.*** an enclosure where cattle, hogs, etc. are kept before slaughtering

stodg·y (stä′jē) ***adj.*** **-i·er**, **-i·est** ‖< *stodge*, heavy food‖ **1** dull; uninteresting **2** old-fashioned; conventional —**stodg′i·ness** ***n.***

sto·gie or **sto·gy** (stō′gē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-gies** ‖after *Conestoga* Valley, PA‖ a cigar, esp. one that is long, thin, and, usually, inexpensive

Sto·ic (stō′ik) ***n.*** ‖< Gr *stoa,* a colonnade: where first Stoics met‖ **1** a member of an ancient Greek school of philosophy **2** [**s-**] a stoical person —***adj.*** [**s-**] STOICAL —**sto′i·cism′** (-i siz′əm) ***n.***

sto′i·cal (-i kəl) ***adj.*** showing indifference to joy, grief, pleasure, or pain; impassive —**sto′i·cal·ly** ***adv.***

stoke (stōk) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** **stoked**, **stok′ing** ‖< Du *stoken*, to poke‖ **1** to stir up and feed fuel to (a fire) **2** to tend (a furnace, boiler, etc.) —**stok′er** ***n.***

STOL *abbrev.* short takeoff and landing

stole[1] (stōl) ***n.*** ‖< Gr *stolē,* garment‖ **1** a long strip of cloth worn about the neck by members of the clergy at various rites **2** a woman's long scarf of cloth or fur worn around the shoulders

stole[2] (stōl) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** *pt. of* STEAL

stol·en (stō′lən) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** *pp. of* STEAL

stol·id (stäl′id) ***adj.*** ‖L *stolidus,* slow‖ having or showing little or no emotion; unexcitable —**sto·lid·i·ty** (stə lid′ə tē) ***n.*** —**stol′id·ly** ***adv.***

sto·lon (stō′län′) ***n.*** ‖< L *stolo*, a shoot‖ a creeping stem lying above the soil surface and bearing leaves, as in the strawberry

stom·ach (stum′ək) ***n.*** ‖ult. < Gr *stoma,* mouth‖ **1** the saclike digestive organ into which food passes from the esophagus **2** the abdomen, or belly **3** appetite for food **4** desire or inclination —***vt.*** **1** to be able to eat or digest **2** to tolerate; bear

stom′ach·ache′ ***n.*** pain in the stomach or abdomen

stom′ach·er ***n.*** an ornamented piece of cloth formerly worn over the chest and abdomen, esp. by women

stomp (stämp) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** *var. of* STAMP (*vt.* 1, 2; *vi.* 1, 2)

stomping ground [Inf.] STAMPING GROUND: *also used in pl.*

stone (stōn) ***n.*** ‖OE *stan*‖ **1** the hard, solid, nonmetallic mineral matter of which rock is composed **2** a piece of rock **3** the seed of certain fruits **4** *short for* PRECIOUS STONE **5** *pl.* **stone** [Brit.] 14 pounds avoirdupois **6** an abnormal stony mass formed in the kidney, gall bladder, etc. —***vt.*** **stoned**, **ston′ing** **1** to pelt or kill with stones **2** to remove the stone from (a peach, etc.) —***adv.*** completely

stone- ‖< prec.‖ *combining form* completely *[stone*-blind*]*

Stone Age the period in human culture when stone tools were used

stoned ***adj.*** [Slang] drunk or under the influence of a drug

stone's throw a short distance

stone′wall′ ***vi.*** [Inf.] to behave in an obstructive manner, as by withholding information, etc.

stone′ware′ ***n.*** a dense, opaque, glazed or unglazed pottery

ston′y ***adj.*** **-i·er**, **-i·est** **1** full of stones **2** of or like stone; specif., unfeeling; pitiless —**ston′i·ness** ***n.***

stood (stood) ***vi.***, ***vt.*** *pt. & pp. of* STAND

stooge (stōōj) ***n.*** ‖< ?‖ [Inf.] **1** an actor who serves as the victim of a comedian's jokes, pranks, etc. **2** anyone who acts as a foil or underling

stool (stōōl) ***n.*** ‖OE *stol*‖ **1** a single seat having no back or arms **2** feces

stool pigeon [Inf.] a spy or informer, esp. for the police

stoop[1] (stōōp) ***vi.*** ‖OE *stupian*‖ **1** to bend the body forward **2** to carry the head and shoulders habitually bent forward **3** to degrade oneself —***n.*** the act or position of stooping

stoop[2] (stōōp) ***n.*** ‖Du *stoep*‖ a small porch at the door of a house

stop (stäp) ***vt.*** **stopped**, **stop′ping** ‖< L *stuppa*, a kind of stuffing material‖ **1** to close by filling, shutting off, etc. **2** to cause to cease motion, activity, etc. **3** to

block; intercept; prevent **4** to cease; desist from *[stop* talking*]* —***vi.*** **1** to cease moving, etc.; halt **2** to leave off doing something **3** to cease operating **4** to become clogged **5** to tarry or stay —***n.*** **1** a stopping or being stopped **2** a finish; end **3** a stay or sojourn **4** a place stopped at, as on a bus route **5** an obstruction, plug, etc. **6** a finger hole in a wind instrument, closed to produce a desired tone **7** a pull, lever, etc. for controlling a set of organ pipes —**stop off** to stop for a while en route to a place —**stop over** to visit for a while: also **stop in** (or **by**)

stop′cock′ ***n.*** a cock or valve to stop or regulate the flow of a fluid

stop′gap′ ***n.*** a person or thing serving as a temporary substitute

stop′light′ ***n.*** a traffic light, esp. when red to signal vehicles to stop

stop′o′ver ***n.*** a brief stop or stay at a place in the course of a journey

stop′page ***n.*** **1** a stopping or being stopped **2** an obstructed condition; block

stop′per ***n.*** something inserted to close an opening; plug

stop′watch′ ***n.*** a watch that can be started and stopped instantly, as for timing races

stor·age (stôr′ij) ***n.*** **1** a storing or being stored **2** a place for, or the cost of, storing goods **3** computer memory

storage battery a battery for producing electric current, with cells that can be recharged

store (stôr) ***vt.*** **stored, stor′ing** ‖< L *instaurare,* restore‖ **1** to put aside for use when needed **2** to furnish with a supply **3** to put, as in a warehouse, for safekeeping —***n.*** **1** a supply (*of* something) for use when needed; stock **2** [*pl.*] supplies, esp. of food, clothing, etc. **3** a retail establishment where goods are offered for sale —**in store** set aside for the future; in reserve —**set** (or **put** or **lay**) **store by** to value

store′front′ ***n.*** a front room on the ground floor of a building, designed for use as a retail store

store′house′ ***n.*** a place where things are stored; esp., a warehouse

store′keep′er ***n.*** **1** a person in charge of military or naval stores **2** a retail merchant

store′room′ ***n.*** a room where things are stored

sto·rey (stôr′ē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-reys** *Brit., etc. sp. of* STORY[2]

sto·ried (stôr′ēd) ***adj.*** famous in story or history

stork (stôrk) ***n.*** ‖OE *storc*‖ a large, long-legged wading bird with a long neck and bill

storm (stôrm) ***n.*** ‖OE‖ **1** a strong wind, with rain, snow, thunder, etc. **2** any heavy fall of snow, rain, etc. **3** a strong emotional outburst **4** any strong disturbance **5** a sudden, strong attack on a fortified place —***vi.*** **1** to blow rain, snow, etc. violently **2** to rage; rant **3** to rush violently *[*to *storm* into a room*]* —***vt.*** to attack vigorously

storm door (or **window**) a door (or window) placed outside the regular one as added protection

storm′y ***adj.*** **-i·er, -i·est** **1** of or characterized by storms **2** violent, raging, etc. —**storm′i·ly** ***adv.*** —**storm′i·ness** ***n.***

sto·ry[1] (stôr′ē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ries** ‖< Gr *historia,* narrative‖ **1** the telling of an event or events; account; narration **2** a fictional prose narrative shorter than a novel **3** the plot of a novel, play, etc. **4** [Inf.] a falsehood **5** a news report

sto·ry[2] (stôr′ē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ries** ‖< prec.‖ a horizontal division of a building, from a floor to the ceiling above it

sto′ry·board′ ***n.*** a large board on which sketches, etc. for shots or scenes of a film are arranged in sequence —***vt.*** to make a storyboard of (a shot or scene) for (a film)

sto′ry·book′ ***n.*** a book of stories, esp. one for children

sto′ry·tell′er ***n.*** one who narrates stories —**sto′ry·tell′ing** ***n.***

stoup (stōōp) ***n.*** ‖< ON *staup,* cup‖ a font for holy water

stout (stout) ***adj.*** ‖< OFr *estout,* bold‖ **1** courageous **2** strong; sturdy; firm **3** powerful; forceful **4** fat; thickset —***n.*** a heavy, dark-brown beer —**stout′ly** ***adv.*** —**stout′ness** ***n.***

stout′heart′ed ***adj.*** courageous; brave

stove[1] (stōv) ***n.*** ‖< MDu, heated room‖ an apparatus for heating, cooking, etc.

stove[2] (stōv) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** *alt. pt. & pp. of* STAVE

stove′pipe′ ***n.*** a metal pipe used to carry off smoke from a stove

stow (stō) ***vt.*** ‖< OE *stowe,* a place‖ to pack in an orderly way —**stow away** **1** to put or hide away **2** to be a stowaway —**stow′age** ***n.***

stow′a·way′ ***n.*** one who hides aboard a ship, airplane, etc. as to get free passage

St. Paul capital of Minnesota: pop. 272,000

St. Pe·ters·burg (pēt′ərz bʉrg′) **1** seaport in NW Russia: pop. 4,456,000 **2** city in WC Florida: pop. 240,000

strad·dle (strad′′l) ***vt.*** **-dled, -dling** ‖< STRIDE‖ **1** to stand or sit astride of **2** to take or appear to take both sides of (an issue) —***n.*** a straddling —**strad′dler** ***n.***

strafe (strāf) ***vt.*** **strafed, straf′ing** ‖< Ger *Gott strafe England* (God punish England)‖ to attack with machine-gun fire from low-flying aircraft

strag·gle (strag′əl) ***vi.*** **-gled, -gling** ‖prob. < ME *straken,* roam‖ **1** to wander from the main group **2** to be scattered over a wide area; ramble **3** to hang in an unkempt way, as hair —**strag′gler** ***n.*** —**strag′gly** ***adj.***

straight (strāt) ***adj.*** ‖< ME *strecchen,* to stretch‖ **1** having the same direction throughout its length; not crooked, bent, etc. **2** direct; undeviating, etc. **3** in order; properly arranged, etc. **4** honest; sincere **5** undiluted **6** [Slang] normal or conventional **7** [Slang] heterosexual —***adv.*** **1** in a straight line **2**

upright; erectly **3** without detour, delay, etc. —***n.*** *Poker* a hand of five cards in sequence —**straight away** (or **off**) without delay —**straight'ness** ***n.***

straight arrow [Inf.] one who is proper, righteous, conscientious, etc. and often regarded as stodgy, dull, etc. —**straight'-ar'row** ***adj.***

straight·a·way (strāt'ə wā'; *for adv.*, strāt'ə wā') ***n.*** a straight section of a racetrack, highway, etc. —***adv.*** without delay

straight'edge' ***n.*** a strip of wood, etc. having a perfectly straight edge, used in drawing straight lines, etc.

straight'en ***vt.***, ***vi.*** to make or become straight —**straighten out** **1** to make or become less confused, easier to deal with, etc. **2** to reform —**straight'en·er** ***n.***

straight face a facial expression showing no amusement or other emotion —**straight'-faced'** ***adj.***

straight'for'ward ***adj.*** **1** moving or leading straight ahead; direct **2** honest; frank —***adv.*** in a straightforward manner: also **straight'for'wards**

straight man an actor whose remarks a comedian answers with a quip

straight shooter [Inf.] a person who is honest, sincere, etc.

straight ticket a ballot cast for candidates of only one party

straight time **1** the standard number of working hours, as per week **2** the rate of pay for these hours

straight'way' ***adv.*** [Now Chiefly Literary] at once

strain[1] (strān) ***vt.*** ‖< L *stringere*‖ **1** to stretch tight **2** to exert to the utmost **3** to injure by overexertion *[*to *strain* a muscle*]* **4** to stretch beyond normal limits **5** to pass through a screen, sieve, etc.; filter —***vi.*** **1** to strive hard **2** to filter, ooze, etc. —***n.*** **1** a straining or being strained **2** great effort, exertion, etc. **3** a bodily injury from overexertion **4** stress or force **5** a great demand on one's emotions, resources, etc.

strain[2] (strān) ***n.*** ‖< OE *strynan*, to produce‖ **1** ancestry; lineage **2** race; stock; line **3** a line of individuals differentiated from its species or race **4** an inherited tendency **5** a musical tune

strained ***adj.*** not natural or relaxed

strain'er ***n.*** a device for straining, sifting, or filtering; sieve, filter, etc.

strait (strāt) ***adj.*** ‖< L *stringere*, draw tight‖ [Archaic] narrow or strict —***n.*** **1** [*often pl.*] a narrow waterway connecting two large bodies of water **2** [*usually pl.*] difficulty; distress

strait'en ***vt.*** to bring into difficulties: usually in **in straitened circumstances**, lacking enough money

strait'jack'et ***n.*** a coatlike device for restraining violent persons

strait'-laced' ***adj.*** narrowly strict in behavior or moral views

strand[1] (strand) ***n.*** ‖OE‖ shore, esp. ocean shore —***vt.***, ***vi.*** **1** to run or drive aground, as a ship **2** to put or be put into a helpless position *[stranded* abroad with no money*]*

strand[2] (strand) ***n.*** ‖ME *stronde*‖ **1** any one of the threads, wires, etc. that are twisted together to form a string, cable, etc. **2** a ropelike length of anything *[*a *strand* of pearls*]*

strange (strānj) ***adj.*** **strang'er, strang'est** ‖< L *extraneus*, foreign‖ **1** not previously known, seen, etc.; unfamiliar **2** unusual; extraordinary **3** peculiar; odd —**strange'ly** ***adv.*** —**strange'ness** ***n.***

stran·ger (strān'jər) ***n.*** **1** a newcomer **2** a person not known to one

stran·gle (straŋ'gəl) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** **-gled, -gling** ‖< Gr *strangos*, twisted‖ **1** to choke to death **2** to suppress, stifle, or repress —**stran'gler** ***n.***

stran'gle·hold' ***n.*** **1** an illegal wrestling hold that chokes an opponent **2** a force or action that suppresses freedom

stran·gu·late (straŋ'gyə lāt') ***vt.*** **-lat'ed, -lat'ing** **1** STRANGLE **2** *Med.* to block (a tube, etc.) by constricting —**stran'gu·la'tion** ***n.***

strap (strap) ***n.*** ‖dial. form of STROP‖ a narrow strip of leather, etc., as for securing things —***vt.*** **strapped, strap'ping** to fasten with a strap

strap'less ***adj.*** having no shoulder straps

strapped ***adj.*** [Inf.] in great need of money

strap'ping ***adj.*** [Inf.] tall and well-built; robust

stra·ta (strāt'ə, strat'ə) ***n.*** *alt. pl. of* STRATUM

strat·a·gem (strat'ə jəm) ***n.*** ‖< Gr *stratos*, army + *agein*, to lead‖ **1** a trick, plan, etc. for deceiving an enemy in war **2** any tricky scheme

strat·e·gy (strat'ə jē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-gies** **1** the science of planning and directing military operations **2** skill in managing or planning **3** a stratagem, plan, etc. —**stra·te·gic** (strə tē'jik) ***adj.*** —**stra·te'gi·cal·ly** ***adv.*** —**strat'e·gist** ***n.***

strat·i·fy (strat'ə fī') ***vt.***, ***vi.*** **-fied', -fy'ing** ‖< L *stratum*, layer + *facere*, make‖ to form in layers or strata —**strat'i·fi·ca'tion** ***n.***

strat'o·sphere' (-ə sfir') ***n.*** ‖< ModL *stratum*, stratum + Fr *sphère*, sphere‖ **1** the atmospheric zone at an altitude of *c.* 20 to 50 km **2** an extremely high point, level, etc. —**strat'o·spher'ic** (-sfer'ik, -sfir'-) ***adj.***

stra·tum (strāt'əm, strat'-) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ta** (-ə) or **-tums** ‖ModL < L *stratus*, a spreading‖ **1** a horizontal layer of matter, as of sedimentary rock **2** any of the socioeconomic groups of a society

stra'tus (-əs) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ti** (-ī) ‖see prec.‖ a uniform, low, gray cloud layer

Strauss (strous), **Jo·hann** (yō'hän') 1825-99; Austrian composer, esp. of waltzes

Stra·vin·sky (strə vin'skē), **I·gor** (ē'gôr) 1882-1971; Russ. composer & conductor, in the U.S. after 1940

straw (strô) ***n.*** ‖OE *streaw*‖ **1** hollow stalks of grain after threshing **2** a single one of these **3** a tube used for suck-

ing beverages **4** a trifle —***adj.*** **1** straw-colored; yellowish **2** made of straw

straw'ber'ry (-ber'ē, -bər ē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ries** ‖prob. from the strawlike particles on the fruit‖ **1** the small, red, fleshy fruit of a vinelike plant of the rose family **2** this plant

straw boss [Inf.] one having subordinate authority

straw vote (or **poll**) an unofficial vote taken to determine general group opinion

stray (strā) ***vi.*** ‖< LL *strata,* street‖ **1** to wander from a given place, course, etc. **2** to deviate (*from* what is right) —***n.*** one that strays; esp., a lost domestic animal —***adj.*** **1** having strayed; lost **2** isolated or incidental *[*a few *stray* words*]*

streak (strēk) ***n.*** ‖< OE *strica*‖ **1** a long, thin mark or stripe **2** a layer, as of fat in meat **3** a tendency in behavior, etc. *[*a nervous *streak]* **4** a period, as of luck —***vt.*** to make streaks on or in —***vi.*** **1** to become streaked **2** to go fast **3** to dash naked in public as a prank —**streak'er** ***n.*** —**streak'y, -i·er, -i·est,** ***adj.***

stream (strēm) ***n.*** ‖OE‖ **1** a current of water; specif., a small river **2** a steady flow, as of air, light, etc. **3** a continuous series *[*a *stream* of cars*]* —***vi.*** **1** to flow as in a stream **2** to move swiftly

stream'er ***n.*** **1** a long, narrow flag **2** any long, narrow strip hanging loose at one end

stream'line' ***vt.*** **-lined', -lin'ing** to make streamlined —***adj.*** STREAMLINED

stream'lined' ***adj.*** **1** having a contour designed to offer the least resistance in moving through air, water, etc. **2** efficient, trim, simplified, etc.

street (strēt) ***n.*** ‖< L *strata* (*via*), paved (road)‖ **1** a public road in a town or city, esp. a paved one **2** such a road with its sidewalks, buildings, etc. **3** the people living, working, etc. along a given street

street'car' ***n.*** a car on rails for public transportation along certain streets

street'light' ***n.*** a lamp on a post for lighting a street: also **street'lamp'**

street'-smart' ***adj.*** [Inf.] STREETWISE

street smarts [Inf.] cunning or shrewdness needed to live in an urban environment characterized by poverty, crime, etc.

street'walk'er ***n.*** a prostitute

street'wise' ***adj.*** [Inf.] experienced in dealing with the people in urban poverty areas where vice and crime are common

strength (strenkth) ***n.*** ‖OE *strengthu*‖ **1** the state or quality of being strong; force; power **2** toughness; durability **3** the power to resist attack **4** potency or concentration, as of drugs, etc. **5** intensity, as of sound, etc. **6** force of an army, etc., as measured in numbers —**on the strength of** based or relying on

strength'en ***vt.***, ***vi.*** to make or become stronger —**strength'en·er** ***n.***

stren·u·ous (stren'yo͞o əs) ***adj.*** ‖L *strenuus*‖ requiring or characterized by great effort or energy —**stren'u·ous·ly** ***adv.*** —**stren'u·ous·ness** ***n.***

strep (strep) ***n.*** *short for:* **1** STREPTOCOCCUS **2** STREP THROAT

strep throat (strep) a sore throat caused by a streptococcus, with inflammation and fever

strep·to·coc·cus (strep'tə käk'əs) ***n.***, *pl.* **-coc'ci'** (-käk'sī') ‖< Gr *streptos,* twisted + COCCUS‖ any of various spherical bacteria that occur in chains: some cause serious diseases

strep'to·my'cin (-mī'sin) ***n.*** ‖< Gr *streptos*, bent + *mykēs*, fungus‖ an antibiotic drug used in treating various diseases

stress (stres) ***n.*** ‖< L *strictus,* strict‖ **1** strain; specif., force that strains or deforms **2** emphasis; importance **3** *a*) mental or physical tension *b*) urgency, pressure, etc. causing this **4** the relative force of utterance given a syllable or word; accent —***vt.*** **1** to put stress or pressure on **2** to accent **3** to emphasize

stressed'-out' ***adj.*** tired, nervous, etc. as from overwork, mental pressure, etc.

stress fracture a leg fracture caused by repetitive stress, as in marathon running

stretch (strech) ***vt.*** ‖OE *streccan*‖ **1** to reach out; extend **2** to draw out to full extent or to greater size **3** to cause to extend too far; strain **4** to strain in interpretation, scope, etc. —***vi.*** **1** *a*) to spread out to full extent or beyond normal limits *b*) to extend over a given distance or time **2** *a*) to extend the body or limbs to full length *b*) to lie down (usually with *out*) **3** to become stretched —***n.*** **1** a stretching or being stretched **2** an unbroken period *[*a ten-day *stretch]* **3** an unbroken length, tract, etc. **4** *short for* HOMESTRETCH **5** an action that exceeds someone's normal powers —***adj.*** **1** made of elasticized fabric so as to stretch easily **2** designating a vehicle built extra long to enlarge seating capacity *[*a *stretch* limousine*]* —**stretch'a·ble** ***adj.*** —**stretch'y, -i·er, -i·est,** ***adj.***

stretch'er ***n.*** **1** one that stretches **2** a canvas-covered frame for carrying the sick or injured

strew (stro͞o) ***vt.*** **strewed, strewed** or **strewn, strew'ing** ‖OE *streawian*‖ **1** to spread here and there; scatter **2** to cover as by scattering

stri·at·ed (strī'āt'id) ***adj.*** ‖< L *striare*, to groove‖ marked with parallel lines, bands, furrows, etc.

strick·en (strik'ən) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** *alt. pp. of* STRIKE —***adj.*** **1** struck or wounded **2** afflicted, as by something painful

strict (strikt) ***adj.*** ‖< L *stringere,* draw tight‖ **1** exact or precise **2** *a*) enforcing rules carefully *b*) closely enforced —**strict'ly** ***adv.*** —**strict'ness** ***n.***

stric·ture (strik'chər) ***n.*** ‖see prec.‖ **1** adverse criticism **2** a limiting; restriction **3** an abnormal narrowing of a passage in the body

stride (strīd) ***vi.*** **strode, strid'den, strid'ing** ‖OE *stridan*‖ **1** to walk with long steps **2** to take a single, long step (esp. *over* something) —***n.*** **1** a long step

2 the distance covered by such a step 3 [*usually pl.*] progress [to make *strides*]

stri·dent (strīd'ənt) ***adj.*** [< L *stridere*, to rasp] harsh-sounding; shrill; grating —**stri'dent·ly** ***adv.***

strife (strīf) ***n.*** [< OFr *estrif*] 1 contention 2 fighting or quarreling; struggle

strike (strīk) ***vt.*** **struck**, **struck** or, esp. for *vt.* 7 & 10, **strick'en**, **strik'ing** [OE *strican*, to go, advance] 1 to hit with the hand, a tool, etc. 2 to make by stamping, etc. [to *strike* coins] 3 to announce (time), as with a bell: said of clocks, etc. 4 to ignite (a match) or produce (a light, etc.) by friction 5 to collide with or cause to collide [he *struck* his head on a beam] 6 to attack 7 to afflict, as with disease, pain, etc. 8 to come upon; notice, find, etc. 9 to affect as if by contact, etc.; occur to [an idea *struck* me] 10 to remove (*from* a list, record, etc.) 11 to make (a bargain, truce, etc.) 12 to lower (a sail, flag, etc.) 13 to assume (an attitude, pose, etc.) —***vi.*** 1 to hit (*at*) 2 to attack 3 to make sounds as by being struck: said of a bell, clock, etc. 4 to collide; hit (*against, on*, or *upon*) 5 to seize bait: said of a fish 6 to come suddenly (*on* or *upon*) 7 to refuse to continue to work until certain demands are met 8 to proceed, esp. in a new direction —***n.*** 1 the act of striking; specif., a military attack 2 a refusal by employees to go on working, in an attempt to gain better working conditions, etc. 3 the discovery of a rich deposit of oil, etc. 4 *Baseball* a pitched ball missed, or fouled off, by the batter or called a good pitch by the umpire 5 *Bowling* a knocking down of all the pins on the first roll —**strike out** 1 to erase 2 to start out 3 *Baseball* to put out, or be put out, on three strikes —**strike up** to begin —**strik'er** ***n.***

strike'out' ***n.*** *Baseball* an out made by a batter charged with three strikes

strik'ing ***adj.*** very impressive, attractive, etc.

string (striŋ) ***n.*** [OE *streng*] 1 a thin line of fiber, leather, etc. used for tying, pulling, etc. 2 a group of like things on a string [a *string* of pearls] 3 a row, series, etc. of like things [a *string* of houses] 4 *a*) a slender cord of wire, gut, etc. bowed, plucked, or struck to make a musical sound *b*) [*pl.*] all the stringed instruments of an orchestra 5 a fiber of a plant 6 [Inf.] a condition attached to a plan, offer, etc.: *usually used in pl.* —***vt.*** **strung**, **string'ing** 1 to provide with strings 2 to thread on a string 3 to tie, hang, etc. with a string 4 to remove the strings from (beans, etc.) 5 to arrange in a row 6 to extend [*string* a cable] —**pull strings** to get someone to use influence in one's behalf, often secretly —**string'y**, **-i·er**, **-i·est**, ***adj.***

string bean SNAP BEAN

stringed instrument (striŋd) a musical instrument with vibrating strings, as a violin or guitar

strin·gent (strin'jənt) ***adj.*** [see STRICT] strict; severe —**strin'gen·cy** ***n.***

string'er ***n.*** 1 a long horizontal piece in a structure 2 a part-time, local correspondent for a newspaper, magazine, etc.

strip[1] (strip) ***vt.*** **stripped**, **strip'ping** [OE *stripan*] 1 to remove (the clothing, etc.) from (a person) 2 to dispossess of (honors, titles, etc.) 3 to plunder; rob 4 to take off (a covering, etc.) from (a person or thing) 5 to make bare by taking away removable parts, etc. 6 to break the thread of (a nut, bolt, etc.) or the teeth of (a gear) —***vi.*** to take off all clothing

strip[2] (strip) ***n.*** [< STRIPE] 1 a long, narrow piece, as of land, tape, etc. 2 *short for* AIRSTRIP

strip cropping crop planting in alternate rows to lessen erosion, as on a hillside

stripe (strīp) ***n.*** [< MDu *strīp*] 1 a long, narrow band differing from the surrounding area 2 a strip of cloth on a uniform to show rank, years served, etc. 3 kind; sort [a man of his *stripe*] —***vt.*** **striped**, **strip'ing** to mark with stripes

strip·ling (strip'liŋ) ***n.*** a grown boy

strip mall a shopping center of connected storefronts with a parking area in front

strip mining mining, esp. for coal, by laying bare a mineral deposit near the surface of the earth

stripped'-down' ***adj.*** reduced to essentials

strip'-search' ***vt.*** to search (a person) by requiring removal of the clothes —***n.*** such a search Also **strip search**

strip'tease' ***n.*** an entertainment in which the performer undresses slowly, usually to musical accompaniment

strive (strīv) ***vi.*** **strove** or **strived**, **striv·en** (striv' ən) or **strived**, **striv'ing** [< OFr *estrif*, effort] 1 to make great efforts; try very hard 2 to struggle

strobe (**light**) (strōb) [< Gr *strobus*, a twisting around] an electronic tube emitting rapid, brief, and brilliant flashes of light

strode (strōd) ***vi.***, ***vt.*** *pt. of* STRIDE

stroke (strōk) ***n.*** [ME] 1 a blow of an ax, whip, etc. 2 a sudden action or event [a *stroke* of luck] 3 an interruption of normal blood flow to the brain, as from a hemorrhage, blood clot, etc., causing paralysis, etc. 4 a single strong effort 5 the sound of striking, as of a clock 6 *a*) a single movement, as with a tool, racket, etc. *b*) any of a series of repeated motions made in rowing, swimming, etc. 7 a mark made by a pen, etc. —***vt.*** **stroked**, **strok'ing** to draw one's hand, a tool, etc. gently over the surface of

stroll (strōl) ***vi.*** [prob. < Ger *strolch*, vagabond] 1 to walk about leisurely; saunter 2 to wander —***vt.*** to stroll along or through —***n.*** a leisurely walk

stroll'er ***n.*** 1 one who strolls 2 a light, chairlike baby carriage

strong (strôŋ) ***adj.*** [OE *strang*] 1 *a*) physically powerful *b*) healthy; hearty 2 morally or intellectually powerful [a *strong* will] 3 firm; durable 4 powerful in wealth, numbers, etc. 5 of a speci-

fied number *[troops 6,000 strong]* **6** having a powerful effect **7** intense in degree or quality **8** forceful; vigorous, etc. —**strong'ly** ***adv.***

strong'-arm' [Inf.] ***adj.*** using physical force —***vt.*** to use force upon

strong'box' ***n.*** a heavily made box or safe for storing valuables

strong'hold' ***n.*** a place having strong defenses; fortress

strong'-mind'ed ***adj.*** unyielding; determined: also **strong'-willed'**

stron·ti·um (strän'shəm, -shē əm; sträntʹē əm) ***n.*** [ult. after *Strontian*, Scotland, where first found] a metallic chemical element resembling calcium in properties

strop (sträp) ***n.*** [OE] a leather band for sharpening razors —***vt.*** **stropped**, **strop'ping** to sharpen on a strop

stro·phe (strōʹfē) ***n.*** [Gr *strophē*, a turning] a stanza of a poem

strove (strōv) ***vi.*** *alt. pt. of* STRIVE

struck (struk) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** *pt. & pp. of* STRIKE

struc·ture (struk'chər) ***n.*** [< L *struere*, arrange] **1** something built or constructed, as a building or dam **2** the arrangement of all the parts of a whole **3** something composed of related parts —***vt.*** **-tured**, **-tur·ing** to put together systematically —**struc'tur·al** ***adj.***

stru·del (strōod''l) ***n.*** [Ger] a pastry made of a thin sheet of dough filled with apples, etc., rolled up, and baked

strug·gle (strug'əl) ***vi.*** **-gled**, **-gling** [ME *strogelen*] **1** to fight violently with an opponent **2** to make great efforts; strive; labor —***n.*** **1** great effort **2** conflict; strife

strum (strum) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** **strummed**, **strum'ming** [echoic] to play (a guitar, etc.) with long strokes across the strings, often casually

strum·pet (strumʹpit) ***n.*** [ME] a prostitute

strung (struŋ) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** *pt. & alt. pp. of* STRING

strut (strut) ***vi.*** **strut'ted**, **strut'ting** [OE *strutian*, stand rigid] to walk in a swaggering manner —***n.*** **1** a swaggering walk **2** a brace fitted into a framework to stabilize the structure

strych·nine (strikʹnin, -nēn', -nīn') ***n.*** [< Gr *strychnos*, nightshade] a colorless, highly poisonous, crystalline alkaloid

stub (stub) ***n.*** [OE *stybb*] **1** a tree or plant stump **2** a short piece left over *[a pencil stub]* **3** any short or blunt projection **4** the part of a ticket, bank check, etc. kept as a record —***vt.*** **stubbed**, **stub'bing** **1** to strike (one's toe, etc.) against something **2** to put out (a cigarette, etc.) by pressing the end against a surface: often with *out*

stub·ble (stub'əl) ***n.*** [< L *stipula*, a stalk] **1** short stumps of grain, corn, etc., left after harvesting **2** any short, bristly growth, as of a beard

stub·born (stub'ərn) ***adj.*** [ME *stoburn*] **1** refusing to yield or comply; obstinate **2** done in an obstinate or persistent way **3** hard to handle or deal with — **stub'born·ly** ***adv.*** —**stub'born·ness** ***n.***

stub·by (stub'ē) ***adj.*** **-bi·er**, **-bi·est** **1** covered with stubs or stubble **2** short and dense **3** short and thickset

stuc·co (stukʹō) ***n.***, *pl.* **-coes** or **-cos** [It] plaster or cement for surfacing walls, etc. —***vt.*** **-coed**, **-co·ing** to cover with stucco

stuck (stuk) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** *pt. & pp. of* STICK

stuck'-up' ***adj.*** [Inf.] snobbish; conceited

stud[1] (stud) ***n.*** [OE *studu*, a post] **1** any of a series of small knobs, etc. used to ornament a surface **2** a small, button-like device for fastening a shirt front, etc. **3** an upright piece in the wall of a building, to which panels, laths, etc. are nailed —***vt.*** **stud'ded**, **stud'ding** **1** to set or decorate with studs, etc. **2** to be set thickly on *[rocks stud the hill]*

stud[2] (stud) ***n.*** [OE] a male animal, esp. a horse (**stud'horse'**), kept for breeding

stud'book' ***n.*** a register of purebred animals, esp. racehorses: also **stud book**

stud'ding ***n.*** studs, esp. for walls

stu·dent (stōod''nt) ***n.*** [< L *studere*, to study] **1** one who studies, or investigates **2** one who is enrolled for study at a school, college, etc.

stud·ied (stud'ēd) ***adj.*** **1** prepared by careful study **2** deliberate

stu·di·o (stōo'dē ō') ***n.***, *pl.* **-os'** [It] **1** a place where an artist, etc. works or where music or dancing lessons, etc. are given **2** a place where films, radio or TV programs, etc. are produced

studio apartment a one-room apartment with a kitchen area and a bathroom

studio couch a couch that can be opened into a full-sized bed

stu·di·ous (stōo'dē əs) ***adj.*** [< L *studiosus*] **1** fond of study **2** zealous or attentive

stud·y (stud'ē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ies** [< L *studere*, to study] **1** the acquiring of knowledge, as by reading or investigating **2** careful examination of a subject, event, etc. **3** a branch of learning **4** [*pl.*] formal education; schooling **5** an essay, thesis, etc. containing the results of an investigation **6** an earnest effort **7** deep thought **8** a room for study, etc. —***vt.*** **-ied**, **-y·ing** **1** to try to learn or understand by reading, thinking, etc. **2** to investigate carefully **3** to read (a book, etc.) intently **4** to take a course in, as at a school —***vi.*** **1** to study something **2** to be a student **3** to meditate

stuff (stuf) ***n.*** [< OFr *estoffe*] **1** the material out of which anything is made **2** essence; character **3** matter of an unspecified kind **4** cloth, esp. woolen cloth **5** objects; things **6** worthless objects; junk **7** [Inf.] ability, skill, etc. —***vt.*** **1** to fill or pack; specif., *a*) to fill the skin of (a dead animal) in taxidermy *b*) to fill (a turkey, etc.) with seasoning, bread crumbs, etc. before roasting **2** to fill too full; cram **3** to plug; block —***vi.*** to eat too much

stuffed shirt [Slang] a pompous, pretentious person

stuff'ing ***n.*** something used to stuff, as padding in cushions or a seasoned mix-

ture for stuffing fowl

stuff'y *adj.* **-i·er, -i·est** **1** poorly ventilated; close **2** having the nasal passages stopped up, as from a cold **3** [Inf.] dull, conventional, or pompous —**stuff'i·ness** *n.*

stul·ti·fy (stul'tə fī') ***vt.*** **-fied', -fy'ing** ‖< L *stultus,* foolish + *facere,* make‖ **1** to make seem foolish, stupid, etc. **2** to make worthless, etc.

stum·ble (stum'bəl) ***vi.*** **-bled, -bling** ‖ME *stumblen*‖ **1** to trip in walking, running, etc. **2** to walk unsteadily **3** to speak, act, etc. in a blundering way **4** to do wrong **5** to come by chance —***n.*** a stumbling —**stum'bler** *n.*

stumbling block a difficulty or obstacle

stump (stump) ***n.*** ‖ME *stumpfe*‖ **1** the end of a tree or plant left in the ground after the upper part has been cut off **2** the part of a limb, tooth, etc. left after the rest has been removed **3** the place where a political speech is made —***vt.*** **1** to travel over (a district), making political speeches **2** [Inf.] to puzzle or perplex —***vi.*** **1** to walk with a heavy step **2** to travel about, making political speeches —**stump'y, -i·er, -i·est,** *adj.*

stun (stun) ***vt.*** **stunned, stun'ning** ‖ult. < L *ex-,* intens. + *tonare,* to thunder‖ **1** to make unconscious, as by a blow **2** to daze; shock

stung (stuŋ) ***vt., vi.*** *pt. & pp. of* STING

stunk (stuŋk) ***vi.*** *pp. & alt. pt. of* STINK

stun·ning (stun'iŋ) ***adj.*** [Inf.] remarkably attractive, excellent, etc.

stunt[1] (stunt) ***vt.*** ‖< OE, stupid‖ **1** to check the growth or development of **2** to hinder (growth, etc.)

stunt[2] (stunt) ***n.*** ‖< ?‖ something done to show one's skill or daring, get attention, etc. —***vi.*** to do a stunt

stu·pe·fy (stōō'pə fī') ***vt.*** ‖< L *stupere,* be stunned + *facere,* make‖ **1** to produce stupor in; stun **2** to astound; bewilder —**stu'pe·fac'tion** (-fak'shən) ***n.***

stu·pen·dous (stōō pen'dəs) ***adj.*** ‖< L *stupere,* be stunned‖ **1** astonishing **2** astonishingly great

stu·pid (stōō'pid) ***adj.*** ‖see prec.‖ **1** lacking normal intelligence **2** foolish; silly *[a stupid* idea*]* **3** dull and boring —**stu·pid'i·ty,** *pl.* **-ties,** ***n.***

stu·por (stōō'pər) ***n.*** ‖see STUPENDOUS‖ a state in which the mind and senses are dulled; loss of sensibility

stur·dy (stur'dē) ***adj.*** **-di·er, -di·est** ‖< OFr *estourdi,* hard to control‖ **1** firm; resolute **2** strong; vigorous **3** strongly constructed —**stur'di·ly** *adv.* —**stur'di·ness** *n.*

stur·geon (stur'jən) ***n.*** ‖< OFr *esturjon*‖ a large food fish valuable as a source of caviar

stut·ter (stut'ər) ***vt., vi., n.*** ‖< ME *stutten*‖ STAMMER

Stutt·gart (stoot'gärt'; *Ger* shtōōt'gärt') city in SW Germany: pop. 592,000

St. Vin·cent and the Gren·a·dines (sānt vin'sənt and *thə* gren'ə dēnz') country consisting of the island of St. Vincent and the N Grenadines, in the West Indies: 150 sq. mi.; pop. 106,000

sty[1] (stī) ***n.,*** *pl.* **sties** ‖< OE *sti,* hall, enclosure‖ **1** a pen for pigs **2** any foul place

sty[2] or **stye** (stī) ***n.,*** *pl.* **sties** or **styes** ‖ult. < OE *stigan,* to rise‖ a small, inflamed swelling on the rim of an eyelid

Styg·i·an (stij'ē ən, stij'ən) ***adj.*** **1** of the Styx **2** [*also* **s-**] *a*) infernal *b*) dark or gloomy

style (stīl) ***n.*** ‖< L *stilus,* pointed writing tool‖ **1** a stylus **2** *a*) manner of expression in language *b*) characteristic manner of expression, design, etc. in any art, period, etc. *c*) excellence of artistic expression **3** *a*) fashion *b*) something stylish —***vt.*** **styled, styl'ing** **1** to name; call **2** to design the style of **3** to arrange (hair) by cutting, etc.

styl·ish (stī'lish) ***adj.*** conforming to current style, as in dress; fashionable

styl'ist (-list) ***n.*** **1** a writer, etc. whose work has style and distinction **2** a person who styles hair —**sty·lis'tic** ***adj.*** —**sty·lis'ti·cal·ly** ***adv.***

styl'ize' (-līz') ***vt.*** **-ized', -iz'ing** to design or represent according to a style rather than nature

sty·lus (stī'ləs) ***n.,*** *pl.* **-lus·es** or **-li** (-lī) ‖L, for *stilus,* pointed instrument‖ **1** a sharp, pointed marking device **2** *a*) a sharp, pointed device for cutting the grooves of a phonograph record *b*) the short, pointed piece moving in such grooves, that transmits vibrations

sty·mie (stī'mē) ***n.*** ‖prob. < Scot, person partially blind‖ *Golf* a situation in which a ball to be putted has another ball between it and the hole —***vt.*** **-mied, -mie·ing** to block; impede

sty'my ***n.*** *pl.* **-mies,** ***vt.*** **-mied, -my·ing** *alt. sp. of* STYMIE

styp·tic pencil (stip'tik) a piece of astringent, used to stop minor bleeding

Sty·ro·foam (stī'rə fōm') *trademark for* a rigid, lightweight, spongelike polystyrene —***n.*** [*also* **s-**] this substance

Styx (stiks) ***n.*** *Gr. Myth.* the river crossed by dead souls entering Hades

sua·sion (swā'zhən) ***n.*** ‖< L *suadere,* to persuade‖ PERSUASION: now chiefly in **moral suasion,** a persuading by appealing to one's sense of morality

suave (swäv) ***adj.*** ‖< L *suavis,* sweet‖ smoothly gracious or polite; polished —**suave'ly** ***adv.*** —**suav'i·ty** ***n.***

sub[1] (sub) ***n.*** *short for:* **1** SUBMARINE **2** SUBSTITUTE **3** SUBMARINE SANDWICH —***vi.*** **subbed, sub'bing** [Inf.] to be a substitute (*for* someone)

sub[2] *abbrev.* **1** substitute(s) **2** suburb(an)

sub- ‖< L *sub,* under‖ *prefix* **1** under *[submarine]* **2** lower than; inferior to *[subhead]* **3** to a lesser degree than *[subhuman]*

sub·a·tom·ic (sub'ə täm'ik) ***adj.*** of the inner part of or a particle smaller than an atom

sub'branch' ***n.*** a division of a branch

sub'com·mit'tee ***n.*** a small committee chosen from a main committee

sub·com'pact' ***n.*** an automobile model

smaller than a compact

sub·con′scious *adj.* occurring with little or no conscious perception on the part of the individual: said of mental processes and reactions —**the subconscious** subconscious mental activity —**sub·con′scious·ly** *adv.*

sub′con′ti·nent *n.* a large land mass smaller than a continent

sub′con′tract′ *n.* a secondary contract undertaking some or all obligations of another contract —*vt.*, *vi.* to make a subcontract (for) —**sub′con′trac′tor** *n.*

sub′cul′ture *n.* **1** a distinctive social group within a larger social group **2** its cultural patterns

sub′cu·ta′ne·ous *adj.* beneath the skin

sub′dea′con *n.* a cleric ranking below a deacon

sub′dis′trict *n.* a subdivision of a district

sub′di·vide′ *vt.*, *vi.* **-vid′ed**, **-vid′ing** **1** to divide further **2** to divide (land) into small parcels —**sub′di·vi′sion** *n.*

sub·due (səb do͞o′) *vt.* **-dued′**, **-du′ing** [< L *subducere*, take away] **1** to conquer **2** to overcome; control **3** to make less intense; diminish

sub′fam′i·ly *n.*, *pl.* **-lies** a main subdivision of a family, as of plants or of languages

sub′head′ *n.* a subordinate heading or title, as of a magazine article

subj *abbrev.* **1** subject **2** subjunctive

sub·ject (sub′jikt, -jekt′; *for v.* səb jekt′) *adj.* [< L *sub-*, under + *jacere*, to throw] **1** under the authority or control of another **2** having a tendency *[subject* to anger*]* **3** exposed *[subject* to censure*]* **4** contingent upon: with *to [subject* to approval*]* —*n.* **1** one under the authority or control of another **2** one made to undergo a treatment, experiment, etc. **3** something dealt with in discussion, study, etc.; theme **4** a course of study in a school or college **5** *Gram.* the noun, etc. in a sentence about which something is said —*vt.* **1** to bring under the authority or control of **2** to cause to undergo something *[*to *subject* someone to questioning*]* —**sub·jec′tion** *n.*

sub·jec·tive (səb jek′tiv) *adj.* of or resulting from the feelings of the person thinking; not objective; personal —**sub·jec·tiv·i·ty** (sub′jek tiv′ə tē) *n.*

sub·join (səb join′) *vt.* [see SUB- & JOIN] to append

sub·ju·gate (sub′jə gāt′) *vt.* **-gat′ed**, **-gat′ing** [< L *sub-*, under + *jugum*, a yoke] to bring under control; conquer —**sub′ju·ga′tion** *n.*

sub·junc·tive (səb juŋk′tiv) *adj.* [< L *subjungere*, subjoin] designating or of the mood of a verb that is used to express supposition, desire, possibility, etc., rather than to state an actual fact

sub·lease (sub′lēs′; *for v.* sub lēs′) *n.* a lease granted by a lessee —*vt.* **-leased′**, **-leas′ing** to grant or hold a sublease of

sub·let (sub let′) *vt.* **-let′**, **-let′ting** **1** to let to another (property which one is renting) **2** to let out (work) to a subcontractor

sub·li·mate (sub′lə māt′) *vt.* **-mat′ed**, **-mat′ing** **1** to change (a solid) to a gas, or (a gas) to a solid, without becoming a liquid **2** to express (unacceptable impulses) in acceptable forms, often unconsciously —**sub′li·ma′tion** *n.*

sub·lime (sə blīm′) *adj.* [< L *sub-*, up to + *limen*, lintel] **1** noble; exalted **2** inspiring awe or admiration —*vt.* **-limed′**, **-lim′ing** SUBLIMATE (*vt.* 1) —**sub·lim·i·ty** (sə blim′ə tē) *n.*

sub·lim·i·nal (sub lim′ə nəl) *adj.* [< SUB- + L *limen*, threshold + -AL] below the threshold of consciousness

sub′ma·chine′ gun a portable automatic firearm

sub·mar·gin·al (sub mär′jə nəl) *adj.* below minimum requirements or standards

sub·ma·rine (sub′mə rēn′, sub′mə rēn′) *adj.* being, living, etc. underwater —*n.* a ship, esp. a warship, that can operate under water

submarine sandwich HERO SANDWICH

sub·merge (səb mʉrj′) *vt.*, *vi.* **-merged′**, **-merg′ing** [< L *sub-*, under + *mergere*, to plunge] to place or sink beneath the surface, as of water —**sub·mer′gence** (-mʉr′jəns) *n.*

sub·merse′ (-mʉrs′) *vt.* **-mersed′**, **-mers′ing** SUBMERGE —**sub·mers′i·ble** *adj.* —**sub·mer′sion** *n.*

sub·mis·sion (səb mish′ən) *n.* **1** a submitting or surrendering **2** obedience; resignation **3** *a)* the submitting of something to another *b)* the thing submitted, as a manuscript —**sub·mis′sive** *adj.*

sub·mit′ (-mit′) *vt.* **-mit′ted**, **-mit′ting** [< L *sub-*, down + *mittere*, send] **1** to present to others for consideration, etc. **2** to yield to the control or power of another **3** to offer as an opinion —*vi.* to yield; give in

sub·nor·mal (sub nôr′məl) *adj.* below normal, esp. in intelligence

sub·or′bit·al (-ôr′bit′l) *adj.* designating a flight in which a rocket, spacecraft, etc. follows a trajectory of less than one orbit

sub·or·di·nate (sə bôrd′′n it; *for v.*, -bôr′də nāt′) *adj.* [< L *sub-*, under + *ordinare*, to order] **1** below another in rank, importance, etc. **2** under the authority of another **3** *Gram.* having the function of a noun, adjective, or adverb within a sentence *[*a *subordinate* clause*]* —*n.* one that is subordinate —*vt.* **-nat′ed**, **-nat′ing** to place in a subordinate position —**sub·or′di·na′tion** *n.*

subordinate clause *Gram.* DEPENDENT CLAUSE

sub·orn (sə bôrn′) *vt.* [< L *sub-*, under + *ornare*, furnish] to induce (another) to commit perjury —**sub·or·na·tion** (sub′ôr nā′shən) *n.*

sub′plot′ *n.* a secondary plot in a play, novel, etc.

sub·poe·na (sə pē′nə) *n.* [< L *sub poena*, under penalty] a written legal order directing a person to appear in court to testify, etc. —*vt.* **-naed**, **-na·ing** to summon with such an order Also **sub·pe′na**

sub ro·sa (sub rō′zə) [L, under the rose,

ancient symbol of secrecy] secretly; privately

sub·scribe (səb skrīb′) ***vt., vi.*** **-scribed′, -scrib′ing** [< L *sub-*, under + *scribere*, write] **1** to sign (one's name) at the end of a document, etc. **2** to give support or consent (to) **3** to promise to contribute (money) **4** to agree to receive and pay for a periodical, service, etc. (with *to*) —**sub·scrib′er** ***n.***

sub·script (sub′skript′) ***n.*** [see prec.] a figure, letter, or symbol written below and to the side of another

sub·scrip·tion (səb skrip′shən) ***n.*** **1** a subscribing **2** money subscribed **3** a formal agreement to receive and pay for a periodical, etc.

sub·se·quent (sub′si kwənt) ***adj.*** [< L *sub-*, after + *sequi*, follow] coming after; following —**subsequent to** after —**sub′se·quent·ly** ***adv.***

sub·ser·vi·ent (səb sur′vē ənt) ***adj.*** [< L *sub-*, under + *servire*, to serve] **1** that is of service, esp. in a subordinate capacity **2** submissive —**sub·ser′vi·ence** ***n.***

sub·set (sub′set′) ***n.*** a mathematical set containing some or all of the elements of a given set

sub·side (səb sīd′) ***vi.*** **-sid′ed, -sid′ing** [< L *sub-*, under + *sidere*, to settle] **1** to sink to the bottom or to a lower level **2** to become less active, intense, etc. —**sub·sid′ence** ***n.***

sub·sid·i·ar·y (səb sid′ē er′ē) ***adj.*** [see SUBSIDY] **1** giving aid, service, etc.; auxiliary **2** being in a subordinate relationship —***n.***, *pl.* **-ies** one that is subsidiary; specif., a company controlled by another company

sub·si·dize (sub′sə dīz′) ***vt.*** **-dized′, -diz′ing** to support with a subsidy —**sub′si·di·za′tion** ***n.***

sub·si·dy (sub′sə dē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-dies** [< L *subsidium*, auxiliary forces] a grant of money, as from a government to a private enterprise

sub·sist (səb sist′) ***vi.*** [< L *sub-*, under + *sistere*, to stand] **1** to continue to be or exist **2** to continue to live; remain alive (*on* or *by*)

sub·sist′ence ***n.*** **1** existence **2** the act of providing sustenance **3** means of support or livelihood, esp. the barest means

sub·soil (sub′soil′) ***n.*** the layer of soil beneath the topsoil

sub·son·ic (sub sän′ik) ***adj.*** designating, of, or moving at a speed less than that of sound

sub·stance (sub′stəns) ***n.*** [< L *substare*, be present] **1** the real or essential part of anything; essence **2** the physical matter of which a thing consists **3** *a)* solid or substantial quality *b)* consistency; body **4** the real meaning; gist **5** wealth **6** a drug: see CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

sub·stand′ard ***adj.*** below standard

sub·stan·tial (səb stan′shəl) ***adj.*** **1** having substance **2** real; true **3** strong; solid **4** ample; large **5** important **6** wealthy **7** with regard to essential elements —**sub·stan′tial·ly** ***adv.***

sub·stan′ti·ate′ (-shē āt′) ***vt.*** **-at′ed, -at′ing** [see SUBSTANCE] to show to be true or real by giving evidence —**sub·stan′ti·a′tion** ***n.***

sub·stan·tive (sub′stən tiv) ***adj.*** [see SUBSTANCE] of or dealing with essentials —***n.*** *Gram.* a noun or any other word or group of words used as a noun

sub′sta′tion ***n.*** a small post-office station, as in a store

sub·sti·tute (sub′stə to͞ot′) ***n.*** [< L *sub-*, under + *statuere*, put] a person or thing serving or used in place of another —***vt., vi.*** **-tut′ed, -tut′ing** to put, use, or serve in place of (another) —**sub′sti·tu′tion** ***n.***

sub·stra·tum (sub′strāt′əm, -strat′-) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ta** (-ə) or **-tums** a part, substance, etc. which lies beneath and supports another

sub′struc′ture ***n.*** a part or structure that is a support, base, etc.

sub·sume (sub so͞om′) ***vt.*** **-sumed′, -sum′ing** [< L *sub-*, under + *sumere*, take] to include within a larger class

sub′teen′ ***n.*** a child nearly a teenager

sub′ten′ant ***n.*** a person who rents from a tenant —**sub·ten′an·cy** ***n.***

sub·ter·fuge (sub′tər fyo͞oj′) ***n.*** [< L *subter*, secretly + *fugere*, flee] any plan or action used to hide or evade something

sub·ter·ra·ne·an (sub′tə rā′nē ən) ***adj.*** [< L *sub-*, under + *terra*, earth] **1** underground **2** secret; hidden

sub·text (sub′tekst′) ***n.*** an underlying meaning, theme, etc.

sub′ti′tle ***n.*** **1** a secondary or explanatory title **2** one or more lines of translated dialogue, etc. at the bottom of a film or video image —***vt.*** **-ti′tled, -ti′tling** to add a subtitle or subtitles to

sub·tle (sut′′l) ***adj.*** **-tler** (-lər, -′l ər), **-tlest** [< L *subtilis*, fine, thin] **1** thin; not dense **2** mentally keen **3** delicately skillful **4** crafty **5** not obvious —**sub′tle·ty**, *pl.* **-ties**, ***n.*** —**sub′tly** ***adv.***

sub′to′tal ***n.*** a total that is part of a complete total —***vt., vi.*** **-taled** or **-talled, -tal·ing** or **-tal·ling** to add up so as to form a subtotal

sub·tract (səb trakt′) ***vt., vi.*** [< L *sub-*, under + *trahere*, to draw] to take away or deduct (one quantity from another) —**sub·trac′tion** ***n.***

sub·tra·hend (sub′trə hend′) ***n.*** a quantity to be subtracted from another (the *minuend*)

sub·trop·i·cal (sub trä′pi kəl) ***adj.*** **1** of regions bordering on the tropics **2** characteristic of such regions Also **sub·trop′ic**

sub·urb (sub′ərb) ***n.*** [< L *sub-*, near + *urbs*, town] a district, town, etc. on the outskirts of a city —**sub·ur·ban** (sə bur′bən) ***adj.***

sub·ur·ban·ite (sə bur′bən īt′) ***n.*** a person living in a suburb

sub·ur′bi·a (-bē ə) ***n.*** the suburbs or suburbanites collectively

sub·ven·tion (səb ven′shən) ***n.*** [< LL *subventio*, aid] a subsidy

sub·ver·sive (səb vur′siv) ***adj.*** tending

to subvert —*n.* a person seen as being subversive

sub·vert (səb vʉrt′) *vt.* [< L *sub-*, under + *vertere*, to turn] **1** to overthrow or destroy (something established) **2** to corrupt, as in morals —**sub·ver′sion** (-vʉr′zhən) *n.*

sub′way′ *n.* an underground, electric metropolitan railway

suc- *prefix* SUB-: used before *c [succumb]*

suc·ceed (sək sēd′) *vi.* [< L *sub-*, under + *cedere*, go] **1** to follow, as into office **2** to be successful —*vt.* to come after; follow

suc·cess (sək ses′) *n.* **1** a favorable result **2** the gaining of wealth, fame, etc. **3** a successful person or thing

suc·cess′ful *adj.* **1** turning out as was hoped for **2** having gained wealth, fame, etc. —**suc·cess′ful·ly** *adv.*

suc·ces·sion (sək sesh′ən) *n.* **1** *a*) the act of succeeding another, as to an office *b*) the right to do this **2** a number of persons or things coming one after another

suc·ces′sive (-ses′iv) *adj.* coming one after another —**suc·ces′sive·ly** *adv.*

suc·ces′sor *n.* one that succeeds another, as to an office

suc·cinct (sək siŋkt′) *adj.* [< L *sub-*, under + *cingere*, gird] clear and brief; terse —**suc·cinct′ly** *adv.* —**suc·cinct′ness** *n.*

suc·cor (suk′ər) *vt.* [< L *sub-*, under + *currere*, to run] to help in time of need or distress —*n.* aid; relief

suc·co·tash (suk′ə tash′) *n.* [< AmInd] a dish of lima beans and corn kernels cooked together

suc·cu·lent (suk′yo͞o lənt) *adj.* [< L *sucus*, juice] full of juice —**suc′cu·lence** or **suc′cu·len·cy** *n.*

suc·cumb (sə kum′) *vi.* [< L *sub-*, under + *cumbere*, to lie] **1** to give way (*to*); yield **2** to die

such (such) *adj.* [OE *swilc*] **1** *a*) of the kind mentioned *b*) of the same or a similar kind **2** whatever *[at such* time as you go*]* **3** so extreme, so much, etc. *[such* an honor*]* —*adv.* to so great a degree *[such* good news*]* —*pron.* **1** such a person or thing **2** the person or thing mentioned *[such* was her nature*]* —**as such** **1** as being what is indicated **2** in itself —**such as** for example

such and such (being) something particular but not named or specified *[such and such* a place*]*

such′like′ *adj.* of such a kind —*pron.* persons or things of such a kind

suck (suk) *vt.* [< OE *sucan*] **1** to draw (liquid) into the mouth **2** to take in by or as by sucking **3** to suck liquid from (fruit, etc.) **4** to hold (ice, etc.) in the mouth and lick so as to dissolve **5** to place (the thumb, etc.) in the mouth and draw on —*vi.* to suck something —*n.* the act of sucking

suck′er *n.* **1** one that sucks **2** a freshwater bony fish with a mouth adapted for sucking **3** a part used for sucking or for holding fast by suction **4** LOLLIPOP **5** [Slang] one easily cheated **6** *Bot.* a subordinate shoot on the root or stem of a plant

suck·le (suk′əl) *vt.* **-led**, **-ling** [ME *sokelen*] **1** to cause to suck at the breast or udder; nurse **2** to bring up; rear —*vi.* to suck at the breast or udder

suck′ling *n.* an unweaned child or young animal

su·crose (so͞o′krōs′) *n.* [< Fr *sucre*, sugar + -OSE[1]] a sugar extracted from sugar cane or sugar beets

suc·tion (suk′shən) *n.* [< L *sugere*, to suck] **1** a sucking **2** the production of a vacuum in a cavity or over a surface so that external atmospheric pressure forces fluid in or causes something to adhere to the surface

Su·dan (so͞o dan′) country in NE Africa: 967,500 sq. mi.; pop. 20,564,000: often preceded by *the* —**Su·da·nese** (so͞o′də nēz′), *pl.* **-nese′**, *adj.*, *n.*

sud·den (sud′′n) *adj.* [< L *sub-*, under + *ire*, go] **1** *a*) happening or coming unexpectedly *b*) sharp or abrupt **2** quick or hasty —**all of a sudden** unexpectedly —**sud′den·ly** *adv.* —**sud′den·ness** *n.*

sudden death *Sports* an extra period added to a tied game: the game ends when one side scores

sudden infant death syndrome the sudden death of an apparently healthy infant, possibly caused by a breathing problem

suds (sudz) *pl.n.* [prob. < MDu *sudse*, marsh water] **1** soapy, frothy water **2** foam —**suds′y**, **-i·er**, **-i·est**, *adj.*

sue (so͞o) *vt.*, *vi.* **sued**, **su′ing** [< L *sequi*, follow] **1** to appeal (to); petition **2** to prosecute in a court in seeking justice, etc.

suede or **suède** (swād) *n.* [< Fr *gants de Suède*, Swedish gloves] **1** tanned leather with the flesh side buffed into a nap **2** a kind of cloth like this

su·et (so͞o′it) *n.* [ult. < L *sebum*, tallow] the hard fat of cattle and sheep: used in cooking, etc.

Su·ez Canal (so͞o ez′) ship canal joining the Mediterranean & Red seas

suf or **suff** *abbrev.* suffix

suf- *prefix* SUB-: used before *f*

suf·fer (suf′ər) *vt.*, *vi.* [< L *sub-*, under + *ferre*, to bear] **1** to undergo (pain, injury, grief, etc.) **2** to experience (any process) **3** to permit; tolerate —**suf′fer·er** *n.*

suf·fer·ance (suf′ər əns, suf′rəns) *n.* **1** the capacity to endure pain, etc. **2** consent, permission, etc. implied by failure to prohibit

suf′fer·ing (-ər iŋ, -riŋ) *n.* **1** the bearing of pain, distress, etc. **2** something suffered

suf·fice (sə fīs′) *vi.* **-ficed′**, **-fic′ing** [< L *sub-*, under + *facere*, make] to be enough or adequate

suf·fi·cient (sə fish′ənt) *adj.* as much as is needed; enough —**suf·fi′cien·cy** *n.* —**suf·fi′cient·ly** *adv.*

suf·fix (suf′iks) *n.* [< L *sub-*, under + *figere*, fix] a syllable or syllables joined to the end of a word to alter its meaning, etc. (Ex.: *-ness* in *darkness*)

suf·fo·cate (suf′ə kāt′) *vt.* **-cat′ed**,

-cat'ing [< L *sub-*, under + *fauces*, throat] **1** to kill by cutting off the supply of air for breathing **2** to smother, suppress, etc. —***vi.*** **1** to die by being suffocated **2** to choke; stifle —**suf'fo·ca'tion** ***n.***

suf·frage (suf'rij) ***n.*** [< L *suffragium*, a ballot] **1** a vote or voting **2** the right to vote; franchise

suf·fra·gette (suf'rə jet') ***n.*** [< prec. + -ETTE] a woman who advocates female suffrage: term objected to by some, who prefer *suffragist*

suf'fra·gist ***n.*** one who believes in extending the right to vote, esp. to women

suf·fuse (sə fyo͞oz') ***vt.*** **-fused'**, **-fus'ing** [< L *sub-*, under + *fundere*, pour] to overspread so as to fill with a glow, etc. —**suf·fu'sion** ***n.***

sug- *prefix* SUB-: used before *g*

sug·ar (shoog'ər) ***n.*** [< Sans *śárkarâ*] any of a class of sweet, soluble carbohydrates, as sucrose or glucose; specif., sucrose used as a food and sweetening agent —***vt.*** to sweeten, etc. with sugar —***vi.*** to form sugar —**sug'ar·less** ***adj.*** —**sug'ar·y** ***adj.***

sugar beet a beet having a white root with a high sugar content

sugar cane a very tall tropical grass cultivated as the main source of sugar

sug'ar·coat' ***vt.*** **1** to coat with sugar **2** to make (something disagreeable) seem more pleasant

sug'ar·plum' ***n.*** a round piece of sugary candy

sug·gest (səg jest') ***vt.*** [< L *sub-*, under + *gerere*, carry] **1** to bring to the mind for consideration **2** to call to mind by association of ideas **3** to propose as a possibility **4** to show indirectly; imply

sug·gest'i·ble ***adj.*** readily influenced by suggestion —**sug·gest'i·bil'i·ty** ***n.***

sug·ges'tion (-jes'chən) ***n.*** **1** a suggesting or being suggested **2** something suggested **3** a hint or trace

sug·ges'tive ***adj.*** **1** that tends to suggest ideas **2** tending to suggest something considered improper or indecent —**sug·ges'tive·ly** ***adv.***

su·i·cide (so͞o'ə sīd') ***n.*** [L *sui*, of oneself + -CIDE] **1** the act of killing oneself intentionally **2** one who commits suicide —**su'i·ci'dal** ***adj.***

su·i ge·ne·ris (so͞o'ē jen'ər is) [L, of his (or her or its) own kind] without equal; unique

suit (so͞ot) ***n.*** [< L *sequi*, follow] **1** a set of clothes; esp., a coat and trousers (or skirt) **2** any of the four sets of playing cards **3** action to secure justice in a court of law **4** an act of suing, pleading, etc. **5** courtship —***vt.*** **1** to be appropriate to **2** to make right or appropriate; fit **3** to please; satisfy *[nothing suits* him*]* —**follow suit** to follow the example set —**suit oneself** to act according to one's own wishes —**suit up** to put on an athletic uniform, spacesuit, etc. in preparation for a particular activity

suit'a·ble ***adj.*** that suits a given purpose, etc.; appropriate —**suit'a·bil'i·ty** ***n.*** —**suit'a·bly** ***adv.***

suit'case' ***n.*** a travel case for clothes, etc.

suite (swēt; *for 3, also* so͞ot) ***n.*** [Fr: see SUIT] **1** a group of attendants; staff **2** a set of connected rooms, as an apartment **3** a set of matched furniture for a given room

suit'ing ***n.*** cloth for making suits

suit'or ***n.*** a man courting a woman

su·ki·ya·ki (so͞o'kē yä'kē) ***n.*** [Jpn] a Japanese dish of thinly sliced meat and vegetables, cooked quickly with soy sauce, sake, etc.

Suk·kot or **Suk·koth** (so͝ok'ōt, so͝ok'ōs) ***n.*** [Heb, lit., tabernacles] a Jewish fall festival commemorating the wandering of the Hebrews during the Exodus

sul·fa (sul'fə) ***adj.*** of a family of drugs used in combating certain bacterial infections

sul·fate (sul'fāt') ***n.*** a salt or ester of sulfuric acid

sul'fide' (-fīd') ***n.*** a compound of sulfur with another element or a radical

sul·fur (sul'fər) ***n.*** [< L *sulphur*] a pale-yellow, nonmetallic chemical element: it burns with a blue flame and a stifling odor

sul·fu·ric (sul fyo͝or'ik) ***adj.*** of or containing sulfur

sulfuric acid an oily, colorless, corrosive liquid used in making dyes, explosives, fertilizers, etc.

sul·fu·rous (sul'fər əs, sul fyo͝or'əs) ***adj.*** **1** of or containing sulfur **2** like burning sulfur in odor, color, etc.

sulk (sulk) ***vi.*** [< fol.] to be sulky —***n.*** a sulky mood: also **the sulks**

sulk·y (sul'kē) ***adj.*** **-i·er**, **-i·est** [prob. < OE *-seolcan*, become slack] showing resentment by petulant withdrawal —***n.***, *pl.* **-ies** a light, two-wheeled carriage for one person —**sulk'i·ly** ***adv.*** —**sulk'i·ness** ***n.***

sul·len (sul'ən) ***adj.*** [< L *solus*, alone] **1** showing resentment and ill humor by morose, unsociable withdrawal **2** gloomy; sad —**sul'len·ly** ***adv.*** —**sul'len·ness** ***n.***

sul·ly (sul'ē) ***vt.*** **-lied**, **-ly·ing** [prob. < OFr *soillier*] to soil, tarnish, etc., esp. by disgracing

sul·phur (sul'fər) ***n.*** *chiefly Brit. sp. of* SULFUR

sul·tan (sult''n) ***n.*** [Fr < Ar *sulṭān*] a Muslim ruler

sul·tan·a (sul tan'ə) ***n.*** **1** a sultan's wife, mother, sister, or daughter **2** a small, white, seedless grape used for raisins

sul·tan·ate (sult''n it, -āt') ***n.*** a sultan's authority, office, or domain

sul·try (sul'trē) ***adj.*** **-tri·er**, **-tri·est** [< SWELTER] **1** oppressively hot and moist **2** suggesting or showing passion, lust, etc.

sum (sum) ***n.*** [< L *summus*, highest] **1** an amount of money **2** gist; summary **3** the result obtained by adding quantities; total —**sum up** to summarize

su·mac or **su·mach** (so͞o'mak', sho͞o'-) ***n.*** [< Ar *summāq*] any of numerous poisonous and nonpoisonous trees and

shrubs of the cashew family

Su·ma·tra (sōō mä′trə) large island of Indonesia

sum·ma·rize (sum′ə rīz′) ***vt.*** **-rized′, -riz′ing** to make or be a summary of

sum′ma·ry (-rē) ***adj.*** [< L *summa*, a sum] **1** summarizing; concise **2** prompt and without formality **3** hasty and arbitrary —***n.***, *pl.* **-ries** a brief statement covering the main points; digest —**sum·mar·i·ly** (sə mer′ə lē) ***adv.***

sum·ma·tion (sə mā′shən) ***n.*** a final summary of arguments, as in a trial

sum·mer (sum′ər) ***n.*** [< OE *sumor*] the warmest season of the year, following spring —***adj.*** of or typical of summer —***vi.*** to pass the summer —**sum′mer·y** ***adj.***

sum′mer·house′ ***n.*** a small, open structure in a garden, park, etc.

summer sausage a type of hard, dried or smoked sausage

sum′mer·time′ ***n.*** the summer season

sum·mit (sum′it) ***n.*** [< L *summus*, highest] the highest or utmost point; top; apex —***adj.*** of the heads of state *[a summit* conference*]*

sum·mit·ry (sum′i trē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ries** the use of conferences between heads of state to resolve problems of diplomacy

sum·mon (sum′ən) ***vt.*** [< L *sub-*, under + *monere*, warn] **1** to call together; order to meet **2** to call or send for with authority **3** to rouse *[summon* up one's strength*]* —**sum′mon·er** ***n.***

sum′mons (-ənz) ***n.***, *pl.* **-mons·es** [see prec.] **1** an order or command to come, attend, etc. **2** *Law* an official order to appear in court

su·mo (wrestling) (sōō′mō) [Jpn *sumō*, compete] [*sometimes* **S- W-**] Japanese wrestling by large, extremely heavy men

sump (sump) ***n.*** [ME *sompe*, swamp] a pit, cistern, cesspool, etc. for draining, collecting, or storing liquids

sump·tu·ous (sump′chōō əs) ***adj.*** [< L *sumptus*, expense] **1** costly; lavish **2** magnificent

sun (sun) ***n.*** [OE *sunne*] **1** the gaseous, self-luminous central star of the solar system **2** the heat or light of the sun **3** any star that is the center of a planetary system —***vt.***, ***vi.*** **sunned, sun′ning** to expose (oneself) to direct sunlight

Sun *abbrev.* Sunday

sun′bathe′ ***vi.*** **-bathed′, -bath′ing** to expose the body to direct sunlight —**sun bath** —**sun′bath′er** ***n.***

sun′beam′ ***n.*** a beam of sunlight

Sun′belt′ in the U.S., the S and SW states having a sunny climate and an expanding economy: also **Sun Belt**

sun′block′ ***n.*** SUNSCREEN

sun′bon′net ***n.*** a bonnet for shading the face and neck from the sun

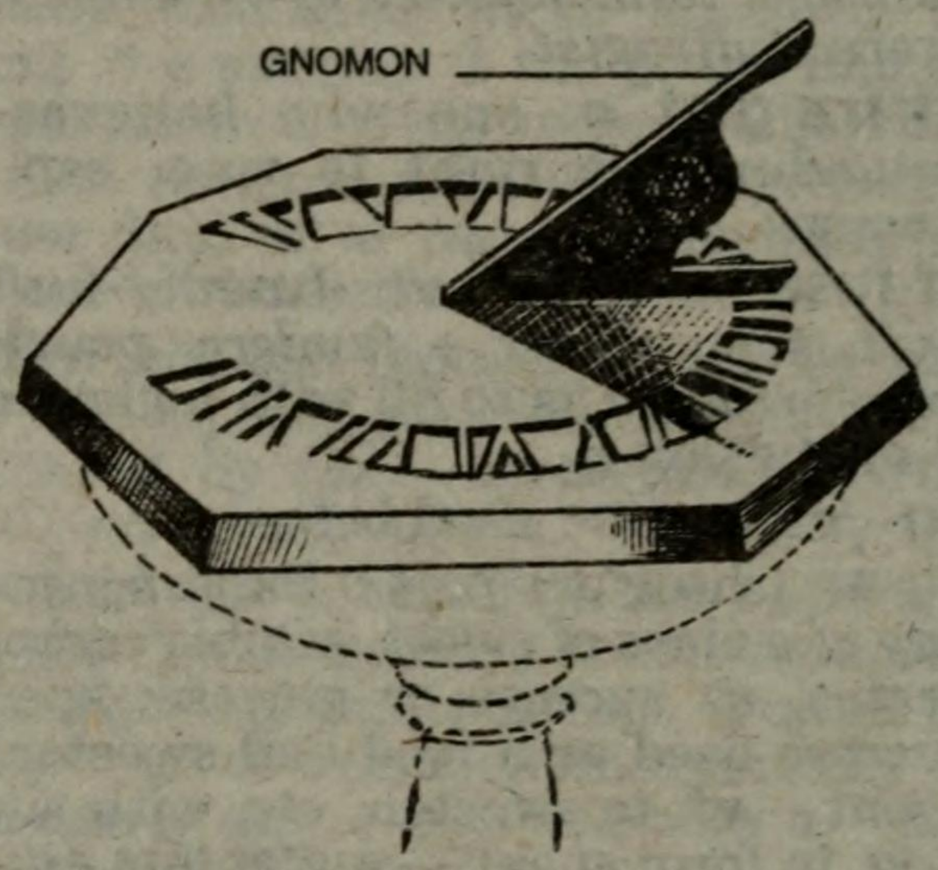
sun′burn′ ***n.*** an inflammation of the skin from exposure to the sun's rays or to a sunlamp —***vi.***, ***vt.*** **-burned′** or **-burnt′, -burn′ing** to get or cause to get a sunburn

sun′burst′ ***n.*** **1** sudden sunlight **2** a decorative device representing the sun with spreading rays

sun·dae (sun′dā, -dē) ***n.*** [prob. < fol.] a serving of ice cream covered with a syrup, fruit, nuts, etc.

Sun·day (sun′dā) ***n.*** [OE *sunnandæg*, sun day] the first day of the week: it is the Sabbath for most Christians: abbrev. **Sun**

sun·der (sun′dər) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** [< OE *sundor*, asunder] to break apart; split



SUNDIAL

sun′di′al ***n.*** an instrument that shows time by the shadow of a pointer cast by the sun onto a dial

sun′down′ ***n.*** SUNSET

sun′dries (-drēz) ***pl.n.*** sundry items

sun′dry (-drē) ***adj.*** [< OE *sundor*, apart] miscellaneous

sun′fish′ ***n.***, *pl.* **-fish′** or (for different species) **-fish′es** **1** any of a family of North American freshwater fishes **2** a large, sluggish ocean fish

sun′flow′er ***n.*** a tall plant having large, yellow, daisylike flowers

sung (suŋ) ***vi.***, ***vt.*** *pp. & rare pt. of* SING[1]

sun′glass′es ***pl.n.*** eyeglasses with tinted lenses to shade the eyes

sunk (suŋk) ***vi.***, ***vt.*** *pp. & alt. pt. of* SINK

sunk′en (-ən) ***adj.*** **1** submerged **2** below the general level *[a sunken* patio*]* **3** deeply set; hollow *[sunken* cheeks*]*

sun′lamp′ ***n.*** an ultraviolet-ray lamp, used for tanning the body, etc.

sun′light′ ***n.*** the light of the sun

sun′lit′ ***adj.*** lighted by the sun

sun′ny (-ē) ***adj.*** **-ni·er, -ni·est** **1** full of sunshine **2** bright; cheerful —**sun′ni·ness** ***n.***

sunny side **1** the sunlit side **2** the brighter aspect —**sunny side up** fried upturned and with unbroken yolk *[two* eggs *sunny side up]*

sun′rise′ ***n.*** **1** the daily appearance of the sun above the E horizon **2** the varying time of this

sun′roof′ ***n.*** a panel in a car roof, that opens to let in light and air: also **sun roof**

sun′room′ ***n.*** a room with large windows to let in sunlight

sun′screen′ ***n.*** a chemical used in lotions, creams, etc. to block certain ultraviolet rays of the sun and reduce the danger of sunburn

sun′set′ ***n.*** **1** the daily disappearance of

the sun below the W horizon **2** the varying time of this

sun′shine′ *n.* **1** the shining of the sun **2** the light and heat from the sun **3** a sunny place **4** cheerfulness, happiness, etc. —**sun′shin′y** *adj.*

sun′spot′ *n.* any of the temporarily cooler regions appearing cyclically as dark spots on the sun

sun′stroke′ *n.* a form of heatstroke caused by excessive exposure to the sun

sun′suit′ *n.* short pants with a bib and shoulder straps, worn by babies and young children

sun′tan′ *n.* a darkened condition of the skin resulting from exposure to the sun

sun′up′ *n.* SUNRISE

sup (sup) *vi.* **supped, sup′ping** [< OFr *soupe,* soup] to have supper

sup- *prefix* SUB-: used before *p*

su·per (so͞o′pər) *n.* [< fol.] *short for:* **1** SUPERNUMERARY (sense 2) **2** SUPERINTENDENT (sense 2) —*adj.* **1** [Inf.] outstanding; exceptionally fine **2** great, extreme, or excessive

super- [L < *super,* above] *prefix* **1** over, above *[superstructure]* **2** *a)* surpassing *[superabundant] b)* greater or better than others of its kind *[supermarket]* **3** additional *[supertax]*

su′per·a·bun′dant *adj.* being more than enough —**su′per·a·bun′dance** *n.*

su·per·an·nu·at·ed (so͞o′pər an′yo͞o āt′ id) *adj.* [< L *super,* above + *annus,* year] **1** too old for service **2** retired, esp. with a pension, because of old age **3** obsolete; old-fashioned

su·perb (sə pʉrb′, so͞o-) *adj.* [see SUPER-] **1** noble or majestic **2** rich or magnificent **3** extremely fine; excellent —**su·perb′ly** *adv.*

su′per·car′go *n., pl.* **-goes** or **-gos** an officer on a merchant ship in charge of the cargo

su′per·charge′ *vt.* **-charged′, -charg′ing** to increase the power of (an engine), as with a device (**su′per·charg′er**) that forces extra air and fuel into the cylinders

su·per·cil·i·ous (so͞o′pər sil′ē əs) *adj.* [< L *super-,* above + *cilium,* eyelid, hence (in allusion to raised eyebrows) haughtiness] disdainful or contemptuous; haughty

su′per·con′duc·tiv′i·ty *n. Physics* the lack of resistance to electrical current in certain metals, etc. when cooled to low temperatures

su′per·con·duc′tor *n.* any material that exhibits superconductivity

su′per·e′go *n., pl.* **-gos** *Psychoanalysis* that part of the psyche that enforces moral standards

su′per·er′o·ga′tion (-er′ə gā′shən) *n.* [< L *super-,* above + *erogare,* pay out] a doing more than is needed or expected —**su′per·e·rog′a·to′ry** (-i räg′ə tôr′ē) *adj.*

su′per·fi′cial (-fish′əl) *adj.* [< L *super-,* above + *facies,* face] **1** of or being on the surface **2** concerned with and understanding only the obvious; shallow **3** quick and cursory **4** seeming such only at first glance —**su′per·fi′ci·al′i·ty** (-fish′ē al′ə tē), *pl.* **-ties,** *n.* —**su′per·fi′cial·ly** *adv.*

su·per·flu·ous (sə pʉr′flo͞o əs, so͞o-) *adj.* [< L *super-,* above + *fluere,* to flow] excessive or unnecessary —**su·per·flu·i·ty** (so͞o′pər flo͞o′ə tē), *pl.* **-ties,** *n.*

su′per·he′ro *n., pl.* **-roes** a nearly invincible hero, as in comic books

su′per·high′way′ *n.* EXPRESSWAY

su′per·hu′man *adj.* **1** having a nature above that of man; divine **2** greater than that of a normal human being

su′per·im·pose′ *vt.* **-posed′, -pos′ing** to put, lay, or stack on top of something else

su·per·in·tend (so͞o′pər in tend′) *vt.* to act as superintendent of; supervise; manage —**su′per·in·tend′ence** or **su′per·in·tend′en·cy** *n.*

su′per·in·tend′ent (-ten′dənt) *n.* [< LL *superintendere,* superintend] **1** a person in charge of a department, institution, etc.; director **2** a person responsible for the maintenance of a building

su·pe·ri·or (sə pir′ē ər) *adj.* [see SUPER-] **1** higher in space, order, rank, etc. **2** greater in quality or value than: with *to* **3** above average in quality; excellent **4** refusing to give in to or be affected by: with *to* **5** showing a feeling of being better than others; haughty —*n.* **1** a superior person or thing **2** the head of a religious community —**su·pe′ri·or′i·ty** (-ôr′ə tē) *n.*

Su·pe·ri·or (sə pir′ē ər), **Lake** largest of the Great Lakes, between Michigan & Ontario, Canada

superl *abbrev.* superlative

su·per·la·tive (sə pʉr′lə tiv, so͞o-) *adj.* [< L *super-,* above + *latus,* pp. of *ferre,* to bear, carry] **1** superior to all others; supreme **2** *Gram.* designating the extreme degree of comparison of adjectives and adverbs —*n.* **1** the highest degree; peak **2** *Gram.* the superlative degree *["finest" is the superlative of "fine"]* —**su·per′la·tive·ly** *adv.*

su′per·ma·jor′i·ty *n.* the quantity of votes, above a mere majority, required to pass certain bills, etc.

su′per·man′ (-man′) *n., pl.* **-men′** (-men′) an apparently superhuman man

su′per·mar′ket *n.* a large, self-service, retail food store or market

su·per·nal (so͞o pʉrn′əl) *adj.* [< L *supernus,* upper] celestial or divine

su′per·nat′u·ral *adj.* not explainable by the known forces or laws of nature; specif., of or involving God, ghosts, spirits, etc.

su′per·no′va *n., pl.* **-vas** or **-vae** (-vē) a rare, extremely bright nova

su·per·nu·mer·ar·y (so͞o′pər no͞o′mə rer′ ē) *n., pl.* **-ies** [< L *super,* above + *numerus,* number] **1** an extra person or thing **2** *Theater* a person with a small, nonspeaking part

su′per·pose′ *vt.* **-posed′, -pos′ing** [see SUPER- & POSE] to place on or above something else —**su′per·pos′a·ble** *adj.* —**su′per·po·si′tion** *n.*

su′per·pow′er *n.* an extremely powerful, influential nation

su′per·sat′u·rate′ *vt.* **-rat′ed, -rat′ing** to make more highly concentrated than in normal saturation —**su′per·sat′u·ra′tion** *n.*

su′per·script′ *n.* [see SUPER- & SCRIPT] a figure, letter, or symbol written above and to the side of another

su·per·sede (so͞o′pər sēd′) *vt.* **-sed′ed, -sed′ing** [< L *supersedere,* sit over] to replace or succeed

su′per·son′ic *adj.* [SUPER- + SONIC] **1** designating, of, or moving at a speed greater than that of sound **2** ULTRASONIC

su′per·star′ *n.* a star performer, as in sports or entertainment

su·per·sti·tion (so͞o′pər stish′ən) *n.* [< L *superstitio,* lit., a standing (in awe) over] **1** any belief that is inconsistent with known facts or rational thought, esp. such a belief in omens, the supernatural, etc. **2** any action or practice based on such a belief —**su′per·sti′tious** *adj.*

su′per·store′ *n.* a very large retail store with a wide variety of goods

su′per·struc′ture *n.* **1** a structure built on top of another **2** that part of a building above the foundation **3** that part of a ship above the main deck

su′per·tank′er *n.* an extremely large tanker, of 300,000 tons or more

su·per·vene (so͞o′pər vēn′) *vi.* **-vened′, -ven′ing** [< L *super-,* over + *venire,* come] to come or happen as something extraneous or unexpected

su·per·vise (so͞o′pər vīz′) *vt., vi.* **-vised′, -vis′ing** [< L *super-,* over + *videre,* see] to oversee or direct (work, workers, etc.) —**su′per·vi′sion** (-vizh′ən) *n.* —**su′per·vi′sor** *n.* —**su′per·vi′so·ry** *adj.*

su·pine (so͞o pīn′) *adj.* [L *supinus*] **1** lying on the back, face upward **2** inactive; sluggish; listless

supp or **suppl** *abbrev.* **1** supplement **2** supplementary

sup·per (sup′ər) *n.* [see SUP] an evening meal

supper club an expensive nightclub

sup·plant (sə plant′) *vt.* [< L *sub-,* under + *planta,* sole of the foot] **1** to take the place of, esp. by force or plotting **2** to remove in order to replace with something else

sup·ple (sup′əl) *adj.* **-pler, -plest** [< L *supplex,* submissive] **1** easily bent; flexible **2** lithe; limber **3** adaptable

sup·ple·ment (sup′lə mənt; *for v.,* -ment′) *n.* [see SUPPLY] **1** something added, esp. to make up for a lack **2** a section of additional material in a book, newspaper, etc. —*vt.* to provide a supplement to —**sup′ple·men′tal** or **sup′ple·men′ta·ry** *adj.*

sup·pli·ant (sup′lē ənt) *n.* one who supplicates —*adj.* supplicating

sup′pli·cant (-lə kənt) *adj., n.* SUPPLIANT

sup·pli·cate (sup′lə kāt′) *vt., vi.* **-cat′ed, -cat′ing** [< L *sub-,* under + *plicare,* to fold] **1** to ask for (something) humbly **2** to make a humble request (of) —**sup′pli·ca′tion** *n.*

sup·ply (sə plī′) *vt.* **-plied′, -ply′ing** [< L *sub-,* under + *plere,* fill] **1** to furnish or provide (what is needed) to (someone) **2** to compensate for (a deficiency, etc.); make good —*n., pl.* **-plies′ 1** the amount available for use or sale; stock **2** [*pl.*] needed materials, provisions, etc. —**sup·pli′er** *n.*

sup·ply′-side′ *adj.* designating or of an economic theory that an increase in money for investment, as supplied by lowering taxes, will stimulate economic growth

sup·port (sə pôrt′) *vt.* [< L *sub-,* under + *portare,* carry] **1** to carry the weight of; hold up **2** to encourage; help **3** to advocate; uphold **4** to maintain (a person, institution, etc.) with money or subsistence **5** to help prove, vindicate, etc. **6** to bear; endure **7** to keep up; maintain **8** to have a role subordinate to (a star) in a play —*n.* **1** a supporting or being supported **2** a person or thing that supports **3** a means of maintaining a livelihood —**sup·port′a·ble** *adj.* —**sup·port′er** *n.*

sup·port′ive *adj.* giving support or help

sup·pose (sə pōz′) *vt.* **-posed′, -pos′ing** [< L *sub-,* under + *ponere,* put] **1** to assume to be true, as for argument's sake **2** to believe, think, etc. **3** to consider as a possibility *[suppose* I go*]* **4** to expect *[*I'm *supposed* to sing*]* —*vi.* to conjecture —**sup·posed′** *adj.* —**sup·pos′ed·ly** *adv.*

sup·po·si·tion (sup′ə zish′ən) *n.* **1** a supposing **2** something supposed

sup·pos·i·to·ry (sə päz′ə tôr′ē) *n., pl.* **-ries** [see SUPPOSE] a small piece of medicated substance placed in the rectum or vagina, where it melts

sup·press (sə pres′) *vt.* [< L *sub-,* under + *premere,* to press] **1** to put down by force; quell **2** to keep from being known, published, etc. **3** to keep back; restrain —**sup·pres′sion** (-presh′ən) *n.*

sup·pres′sant (-ənt) *n.* a drug, etc. that tends to suppress an action, condition, etc.

sup·pu·rate (sup′yo͞o rāt′) *vi.* **-rat′ed, -rat′ing** [< L *sub-,* under + *pus,* pus] to form or discharge pus

supra- [< L *supra,* above] *prefix* above, over, beyond

su·pra·na·tion·al (so͞o′prə nash′ə nəl) *adj.* of, for, or above all or a number of nations

su·prem·a·cist (sə prem′ə sist, so͞o-) *n.* one who believes in the supremacy of a particular group

su·prem′a·cy (-sē) *n., pl.* **-cies** supreme condition or power

su·preme′ (-prēm′) *adj.* [< L *superus,* that is above] **1** highest in rank, power, etc. **2** highest in quality, achievement, etc. **3** highest in degree **4** final; ultimate —**su·preme′ly** *adv.*

Supreme Being God

Supreme Court **1** the highest U.S. federal court **2** the highest court in most U.S. states

Supreme Soviet **1** a part of the legislature of Russia **2** formerly, the parliament of the U.S.S.R.

Supt *abbrev.* Superintendent

sur- [< L *super*, over] *prefix* over, upon, above, beyond

sur·cease (sur'sēs') ***n.*** [< L *supersedere*, refrain from] an end, or cessation

sur·charge (sur'chärj') ***vt.*** **-charged'**, **-charg'ing** [see SUR- & CHARGE] **1** to overcharge **2** to mark (a postage stamp) with a surcharge —***n.*** **1** an additional charge **2** a new valuation printed over the original valuation on a postage stamp

sur·cin·gle (sur'siŋ'gəl) ***n.*** [< OFr *sur-*, over + L *cingulum*, a belt] a strap passed around a horse's body to bind on a saddle, pack, etc.

sure (shoor) ***adj.*** **sur'er**, **sur'est** [< L *securus*] **1** that will not fail *[a sure method]* **2** that cannot be doubted or questioned **3** having no doubt; confident *[sure* of the facts*]* **4** that can be counted on to be or happen *[a sure defeat]* **5** certain (to do, be, etc.) *[sure* to lose*]* —***adv.*** [Inf.] certainly; indeed — **for sure** certain(ly) —**sure enough** [Inf.] without doubt —**sure'ness** ***n.***

sure'fire' or **sure'-fire'** ***adj.*** [Inf.] sure to be successful or as expected

sure'-foot'ed ***adj.*** not likely to stumble, slip, fall, or err —**sure'-foot'ed·ness** ***n.***

sure'ly ***adv.*** **1** with confidence **2** without a doubt; certainly

sur·e·ty (shoor'ə tē, shoor'tē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ties** **1** something that gives assurance, as against loss, etc. **2** one who takes responsibility for another

surf (surf) ***n.*** [prob. var. of SOUGH] the waves of the sea breaking on the shore or a reef —***vi.*** to engage in surfing —***vt.*** [Inf.] to browse a succession of (TV channels, websites, etc.) on (a TV, computer network, etc.) —**surf'er** ***n.***

sur·face (sur'fis) ***n.*** [< Fr *sur-*, over + *face*, a face] **1** *a*) the exterior of an object *b*) any of the faces of a solid **2** superficial features or outward appearance —***adj.*** **1** of, on, or at the surface **2** external; superficial —***vt.*** **-faced**, **-fac·ing** to give a surface to, as in paving —***vi.*** **1** to rise to the surface of the water **2** to become known

surf'board' ***n.*** a long, narrow board used in the sport of surfing

surf'-cast' ***vi.*** **-cast'**, **-cast'ing** to fish by casting into the surf from or near the shore

sur·feit (sur'fit) ***n.*** [< OFr *sorfaire*, overdo] **1** too great an amount **2** overindulgence, esp. in food or drink **3** disgust, nausea, etc. resulting from excess —***vt.*** to feed or supply to excess

surf·ing (sur'fiŋ) ***n.*** the sport of riding in toward shore on the crest of a wave, esp. on a surfboard

surge (surj) ***n.*** [< L *surgere*, to rise] **1** a large wave of water, or its motion **2** a sudden, strong increase, as of power —***vi.*** **surged**, **surg'ing** **1** to move in or as in a surge **2** to increase suddenly

sur·geon (sur'jən) ***n.*** a doctor who specializes in surgery

sur·ger·y (sur'jər ē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ger·ies** [< Gr *cheir*, the hand + *ergein*, to work] **1** the treatment of disease, injury, etc. by manual or instrumental operations **2** a room used for this

sur'gi·cal (-ji kəl) ***adj.*** **1** of surgeons or surgery **2** very accurate, precisely targeted, etc. —**sur'gi·cal·ly** ***adv.***

sur·gi·cen·ter (sur'jə sent'ər) ***n.*** [< *Surgicenter*, a service mark] a facility for performing minor surgery on outpatients

Su·ri·name (soor'i näm') country in NE South America: 63,251 sq. mi.; pop. 355,000: formerly **Su'ri·nam'**

sur·ly (sur'lē) ***adj.*** **-li·er**, **-li·est** [earlier *sirly*, imperious < *sir*, sir] bad-tempered; sullenly rude

sur·mise (sər mīz') ***n.*** [OFr *sur-*, upon + *mettre*, put] a conjecture —***vt.***, ***vi.*** **-mised'**, **-mis'ing** to guess

sur·mount (sər mount') ***vt.*** [SUR- & MOUNT[2]] **1** to overcome (a difficulty) **2** to be at the top of; rise above **3** to climb up and across (a height, etc.) —**sur·mount'a·ble** ***adj.***

sur·name (sur'nām') ***n.*** [< OFr *sur-* (see SUR-) + *nom*, name] the family name, or last name

sur·pass (sər pas') ***vt.*** [< Fr *sur-* (see SUR-) + *passer*, to pass] **1** to excel or be superior to **2** to go beyond the limit, capacity, etc. of



SURPLICE

sur·plice (sur'plis) ***n.*** [< L *super-*, above + *pelliceum*, fur robe] a loose, white outer ecclesiastical vestment

sur·plus (sur'plus') ***n.*** [< OFr *sur-*, above (see SUR-) + L *plus*, more] a quantity over and above what is needed or used —***adj.*** excess; extra

sur·prise (sər prīz') ***vt.*** **-prised'**, **-pris'ing** [< OFr *sur-* (see SUR-) + *prendre*, to take] **1** to come upon suddenly or unexpectedly; take unawares **2** to amaze; astonish —***n.*** **1** a being surprised **2** something that surprises

sur·re·al (sə rē'əl) ***adj.*** **1** of or like surrealism **2** bizarre; fantastic

sur·re'al·ism' ***n.*** [see SUR- & REAL] a modern movement in the arts in which the workings of the unconscious are depicted —**sur·re'al·is'tic** ***adj.*** —**sur·re'al·ist** ***adj.***, ***n.***

sur·ren·der (sə ren'dər) ***vt.*** [< Fr *sur-*, up + *rendre*, render] **1** to give up possession of; yield to another on compul-

sion **2** to give up or abandon —***vi.*** to give oneself up, esp. as a prisoner —***n.*** the act of surrendering

sur·rep·ti·tious (sur′əp tish′əs) ***adj.*** [< L *sub-*, under + *rapere,* seize] done, gotten, acting, etc. in a stealthy way

sur·rey (sur′ē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-reys** [after *Surrey*, county in England] a light, four-wheeled carriage with two seats and a flat top

sur·ro·gate (sur′ə git, -gāt′) ***n.*** [< L *sub-*, in place of + *rogare,* ask] **1** a deputy or substitute **2** in some U.S. states, a probate court judge **3** a woman who bears a child for another woman, who will raise it —**sur′ro·ga·cy**, *pl.* **-cies**, ***n.***

sur·round (sə round′) ***vt.*** [< L *super-*, over + *undare,* to rise] to encircle on all or nearly all sides

sur·round′ings ***pl.n.*** the things, conditions, etc. around a person or thing

sur·tax (sur′taks′) ***n.*** an extra tax on top of the regular tax

sur·veil·lance (sər vā′ləns) ***n.*** [Fr < *sur-* (see SUR-) + *veiller*, to watch] close watch kept over someone, esp. a suspect

sur·vey (sər vā′; *for n.* sur′vā′) ***vt.*** [< OFr *sur-* (see SUR-) + *veoir*, see] **1** to examine or consider in detail or comprehensively **2** to determine the location, form, or boundaries of (a tract of land) —***n.***, *pl.* **-veys** **1** a detailed study, as by gathering information and analyzing it **2** a general view **3** *a*) the process of surveying a tract of land *b*) a written description of this —**sur·vey′or** ***n.***

sur·vey′ing ***n.*** the science or work of making land surveys

sur·viv·al·ist (sər vī′vəl ist) ***n.*** one who takes measures, as storing food and weapons, to ensure survival after an economic collapse, nuclear war, etc.

sur·vive (sər vīv′) ***vt.*** **-vived′**, **-viv′ing** [< L *super-*, above + *vivere,* to live] to remain alive or in existence after —***vi.*** to continue living or existing —**sur·viv′al** ***n.***

sur·vi′vor (-ər) ***n.*** **1** one that survives **2** someone regarded as capable of surviving changing conditions, misfortune, etc.

sus·cep·ti·ble (sə sep′tə bəl) ***adj.*** [< L *sus-*, under + *capere,* take] easily affected emotionally —**susceptible of** admitting; allowing *[*testimony *susceptible of* error*]* —**susceptible to** easily influenced or affected by —**sus·cep′ti·bil′i·ty** ***n.***

su·shi (so͞o′shē) ***n.*** [Jpn] a dish consisting of small cakes of cold rice garnished with raw or cooked fish, vegetables, etc.

sus·pect (sə spekt′; *for adj. & n.* sus′ pekt′) ***vt.*** [< L *sus-*, under + *spicere,* to look] **1** to believe to be guilty on little or no evidence **2** to believe to be bad, wrong, etc.; distrust **3** to guess; surmise —***adj.*** suspected —***n.*** one suspected of a crime, etc.

sus·pend (sə spend′) ***vt.*** [< L *sus-*, under + *pendere,* hang] **1** to exclude as a penalty from an office, school, etc., for a time **2** to stop temporarily **3** to hold back (judgment, etc.) **4** to hang by a support from above **5** to hold in place as though hanging *[*dust particles *suspended* in the air*]*

suspended animation a temporary cessation of the vital functions, resembling death

sus·pend′ers ***pl.n.*** a pair of straps passed over the shoulders to hold up trousers

sus·pense (sə spens′) ***n.*** [< L *suspendere,* suspend] **1** a state of uncertainty **2** the growing excitement felt while awaiting a climax of a novel, play, etc. —**sus·pense′ful** ***adj.***

sus·pen·sion (sə spen′shən) ***n.*** **1** a suspending or being suspended **2** the system of springs, etc. supporting a vehicle upon its undercarriage or axles **3** a substance whose particles are dispersed through a fluid but not dissolved in it

suspension bridge a bridge suspended from cables anchored at either end and supported by towers at intervals

sus·pi·cion (sə spish′ən) ***n.*** [< L *suspicere,* suspect] **1** a suspecting **2** the feeling or state of mind of one who suspects **3** a very small amount; trace —***vt.*** [Inf. or Dial.] to suspect

sus·pi′cious ***adj.*** **1** arousing suspicion **2** showing or feeling suspicion —**sus·pi′cious·ly** ***adv.***

sus·tain (sə stān′) ***vt.*** [< L *sus-*, under + *tenere,* to hold] **1** to keep in existence; maintain or prolong **2** to provide sustenance for **3** to carry the weight of; support **4** to endure; withstand **5** to comfort or encourage **6** to suffer (an injury, loss, etc.) **7** to uphold the validity of **8** to confirm; corroborate

sus·te·nance (sus′tə nəns) ***n.*** **1** a sustaining **2** means of livelihood **3** nourishment; food

sut·ler (sut′lər) ***n.*** [< 16th-c. Du *soeteler*] [Historical] a person following an army to sell things to its soldiers

su·ture (so͞o′chər) ***n.*** [< L *suere,* sew] **1** the line of junction of two parts, esp. of bones of the skull **2** *a*) the stitching together of the two edges of a wound or incision *b*) the thread, etc. used or any of the stitches so made

SUV *abbrev.* SPORT UTILITY VEHICLE

su·ze·rain (so͞o′zə rin′, -rān′) ***n.*** [Fr < L *sursum,* above] **1** a feudal lord **2** a state in relation to another over which it has some political control

svelte (svelt) ***adj.*** [Fr] **1** slender; lithe **2** suave

Sw *abbrev.* **1** Sweden **2** Swedish

SW *abbrev.* **1** southwest **2** southwestern

swab (swäb) ***n.*** [< Du *zwabben*, do dirty work] **1** a yarn mop **2** a small piece of cotton, etc. used to medicate or cleanse a bodily orifice or a wound —***vt.*** **swabbed**, **swab′bing** to use a swab on

swad·dle (swäd′′l) ***vt.*** **-dled**, **-dling** [prob. < OE *swathian,* swathe] to wrap (a newborn baby) in a blanket or, formerly, in long, narrow bands of cloth (**swaddling clothes**)

swag (swag) ***vt.*** **swagged**, **swag′ging** [see SWAGGER] to hang in a swag —***n.*** **1** a valance, garland, etc. hanging deco-

ratively in a curve **2** [Slang] loot

swage (swāj) ***n.*** a tool for bending or shaping metal

swag·ger (swag'ər) ***vi.*** ⟦prob. < Norw *svagga,* sway⟧ **1** to walk with a bold, arrogant stride **2** to boast or brag loudly —***n.*** swaggering walk or manner

Swa·hi·li (swä hē'lē) ***n.*** ⟦< Ar *sawāḥil,* the coasts⟧ a Bantu language of E Africa

swain (swān) ***n.*** ⟦< ON *sveinn,* boy⟧ [Archaic] **1** a country youth **2** a lover

swal·low[1] (swä'lō) ***n.*** ⟦OE *swealwe*⟧ a small, swift-flying bird with long, pointed wings and a forked tail

swal·low[2] (swä'lō) ***vt.*** ⟦OE *swelgan*⟧ **1** to pass (food, etc.) from the mouth into the stomach **2** to take in; absorb: often with *up* **3** to retract (words said) **4** to put up with *[to swallow* insults*]* **5** to suppress *[to swallow* one's pride*]* **6** [Inf.] to accept as true without question —***vi.*** to perform the actions of swallowing something, esp. as a result of emotion —***n.*** **1** a swallowing **2** the amount swallowed at one time

swam (swam) ***vi., vt.*** *pt. of* SWIM[1] & SWIM[2]

swa·mi (swä'mē) ***n., pl.*** **-mis** ⟦< Sans *svāmin,* lord⟧ **1** lord; master: title of respect for a Hindu religious teacher **2** a learned man; pundit

swamp (swämp, swômp) ***n.*** ⟦prob. < LowG⟧ a piece of wet, spongy land; marsh; bog —***vt.*** **1** to plunge or sink in a swamp, water, etc. **2** to flood as with water **3** to overwhelm *[swamped* by debts*]* **4** to sink (a boat) by filling with water —**swamp'y, -i·er, -i·est,** ***adj.***

swan (swän, swôn) ***n.*** ⟦OE⟧ a large waterfowl, usually white, with a long, graceful neck

swank (swaŋk) [Inf.] ***n.*** ⟦akin to OE *swancor,* pliant⟧ ostentatious display —***adj.*** ostentatiously stylish

swank'y ***adj.*** **-i·er, -i·est** [Inf.] ostentatiously stylish

swan's'-down' ***n.*** **1** the soft down of the swan, used for trimming clothes, etc. **2** a soft, thick flannel Also sp. **swans'down'**

swan song ⟦after the song sung, in ancient fable, by a dying swan⟧ the last act, final creative work, etc. of a person

swap (swäp, swôp) [Inf.] ***vt., vi.*** **swapped, swap'ping,** ***n.*** ⟦ME *swappen,* to strike⟧ trade; barter

sward (swôrd) ***n.*** ⟦< OE *sweard,* a skin⟧ grass-covered soil; turf

swarm (swôrm) ***n.*** ⟦OE *swearm*⟧ **1** a large number of bees, led by a queen, leaving a hive to start a new colony **2** a colony of bees in a hive **3** a moving mass, crowd, or throng —***vi.*** **1** to fly off in a swarm: said of bees **2** to move, be present, etc. in large numbers **3** to be crowded

swarth·y (swôr'*th*ē, -thē) ***adj.*** **-i·er, -i·est** ⟦< OE *sweart*⟧ having a dark complexion

swash'buck'ler (-buk'lər) ***n.*** ⟦< *swash,* to swagger + *buckler,* a shield⟧ a blustering, swaggering fighting man —**swash'buck'ling** ***n., adj.***

swas·ti·ka (swäs'ti kə) ***n.*** ⟦< Sans *svasti,* well-being⟧ **1** an ancient design and mystic symbol in the form of a cross with four equal arms, each bent in a right angle **2** this design with the arms bent clockwise, used as an emblem of Nazism and anti-Semitism

swat (swät) ***vt.*** **swat'ted, swat'ting** ⟦echoic⟧ to hit with a quick, sharp blow —***n.*** a quick, sharp blow —**swat'ter** ***n.***

SWAT (swät) ***n.*** ⟦S(*pecial*) W(*eapons*) a(*nd*) T(*actics*)⟧ a special police unit trained to deal with violence, riots, terrorism, etc.: in full **SWAT team**

swatch (swäch) ***n.*** ⟦orig., a cloth tag or label⟧ a sample piece of cloth, etc.

swath (swäth, swôth) ***n.*** ⟦OE *swathu,* a track⟧ **1** the width covered with one cut of a scythe or other mowing device **2** a strip, row, etc. that has been mowed

swathe (swä*th*, swā*th*) ***vt.*** **swathed, swath'ing** ⟦OE *swathian*⟧ **1** to wrap up in a long strip of cloth **2** to envelop; enclose

sway (swā) ***vi.*** ⟦< ON *sveigja,* to turn, bend⟧ **1** to swing or move from side to side or to and fro **2** to lean or go to one side —***vt.*** **1** to cause to sway **2** to influence —***n.*** **1** a swaying or being swayed **2** influence *[*the *sway* of passion*]* —**hold sway** to reign or prevail

sway'backed' (-bakt') ***adj.*** having a sagging spine: said as of some horses

Swa·zi·land (swä'zē land') country in SE Africa: 6,705 sq. mi.; pop. 681,000

swear (swer) ***vi.*** **swore, sworn, swear'ing** ⟦OE *swerian*⟧ **1** to make a solemn declaration with an appeal to God to confirm it **2** to make a solemn promise; vow **3** to use profane language; curse —***vt.*** to declare, pledge, or vow on oath —**swear in** to administer an oath to (a person taking office, a witness, etc.) —**swear off** to renounce —**swear out** to obtain (a warrant for arrest) by making a charge under oath —**swear'er** ***n.***

swear'word' ***n.*** a profane word or phrase

sweat (swet) ***vi., vt.*** **sweat** or **sweat'ed, sweat'ing** ⟦< OE *swat,* sweat⟧ **1** to give forth or cause to give forth a salty moisture through the pores of the skin; perspire **2** to give forth or condense (moisture) on its surface **3** to work hard enough to cause sweating —***n.*** **1** the salty liquid given forth in perspiration **2** moisture collected in droplets on a surface **3** a sweating or being sweated **4** a condition of eagerness, anxiety, etc. **5** [*pl.*] clothes worn for exercising, etc.; specif., a sweat suit —**sweat out** [Inf.] **1** to get rid of by sweating *[*to *sweat out* a cold*]* **2** to wait anxiously for or through —**sweat'y, -i·er, -i·est,** ***adj.***

sweat'er ***n.*** a knitted or crocheted outer garment for the upper body

sweat shirt a heavy, long-sleeved pullover of cotton jersey worn to absorb sweat during or after exercise, sometimes with matching loose trousers (**sweat pants**) in an ensemble (**sweat suit**)

sweat'shop' *n.* a shop where employees work long hours at low wages under poor conditions

Swed *abbrev.* **1** Sweden **2** Swedish

Swede (swēd) *n.* a person born or living in Sweden

Swe·den (swēd'ən) country in N Europe: 173,732 sq. mi.; pop. 8,587,000

Swed·ish (swē'dish) *adj.* of Sweden or its people, language, etc. —*n.* the Germanic language of Sweden

sweep (swēp) ***vt.* swept, sweep'ing** [OE *swapan*] **1** to clean (a floor, etc.) as by brushing with a broom **2** to remove (dirt, etc.) as with a broom **3** to strip, carry away, or destroy with a forceful movement **4** to touch in moving across [hands *sweeping* the keyboard] **5** to pass swiftly over or across **6** *a*) to win all the games of (a series, etc.) *b*) to win overwhelmingly —***vi.*** **1** to clean a floor, etc. as with a broom **2** to move steadily with speed or grace **3** to extend in a long curve or line [a road *sweeping* up the hill] —***n.*** **1** the act of sweeping **2** a steady sweeping movement **3** range or scope **4** extent, as of land; stretch **5** a line, curve, etc. that seems to flow or move **6** one whose work is sweeping [a chimney *sweep*] — **sweep'er** *n.* —**sweep'ing** *adj.* — **sweep'ing·ly** *adv.*

sweep'ings *pl.n.* things swept up, as litter from a floor

sweep'stakes' *n., pl.* **-stakes'** a lottery in which each participant puts up money in a common fund that is given as the prize to the winner or winners, as determined by the result of a horse race or other contest: also **sweep'stake'**

sweet (swēt) ***adj.*** [OE *swete*] **1** having a taste of, or like that of, sugar **2** *a*) having an agreeable taste, smell, sound, etc. *b*) gratifying *c*) friendly, kind, etc. **3** *a*) not rancid or sour *b*) not salty or salted —***n.*** [*pl.*] sweet foods — **sweet'ish** *adj.* —**sweet'ly** *adv.* — **sweet'ness** *n.*

sweet'bread' (-bred') ***n.*** the thymus or sometimes the pancreas of a calf, lamb, etc., when used as food: *usually used in pl.*

sweet'bri'er or **sweet'bri'ar** (-brī'ər) ***n.*** EGLANTINE

sweet corn a variety of Indian corn eaten unripe as a table vegetable

sweet'en ***vt.*** **1** to make sweet **2** to make pleasant or agreeable **3** [Inf.] to increase the value of (collateral, an offer, etc.)

sweet'en·er ***n.*** a sweetening agent, esp. a synthetic one, as saccharin

sweet'heart' ***n.*** a loved one; lover

sweetheart contract a contract arranged by collusion between union officials and an employer with terms disadvantageous to union members

sweet'meat' ***n.*** a candy

sweet pea a climbing plant with butterfly-shaped flowers

sweet pepper **1** a red pepper plant producing a large, mild fruit **2** the fruit

sweet potato **1** a tropical plant with a fleshy, brownish root used as a vegetable **2** its root

sweet'-talk' ***vt., vi.*** [Inf.] to talk in a flattering way (to)

sweet tooth [Inf.] a fondness or craving for sweets

swell (swel) ***vi., vt.* swelled, swelled** or **swol'len, swell'ing** [OE *swellan*] **1** to expand as a result of pressure from within **2** to curve out; bulge **3** to fill (*with* pride, etc.) **4** to increase in size, force, intensity, loudness, etc. —***n.*** **1** a part that swells; specif., a large, rolling wave **2** an increase in size, amount, degree, etc. **3** a crescendo —***adj.*** [Slang] excellent

swell'head' ***n.*** [Inf.] a conceited person —**swell'head'ed** *adj.*

swell'ing ***n.*** **1** an increase in size, volume, etc. **2** a swollen part

swel·ter (swel'tər) ***vi.*** [< OE *sweltan,* to die, faint] to feel uncomfortably hot; sweat, feel weak, etc. from great heat

swel'ter·ing *adj.* very hot; sultry

swept (swept) ***vt., vi.*** *pt. & pp. of* SWEEP

swept'back' *adj.* having a backward slant: said of the wings of an aircraft

swerve (swʉrv) ***vi., vt.* swerved, swerv'ing** [< OE *sweorfan,* to scour] to turn aside from a straight line, course, etc. —***n.*** a swerving

swift (swift) ***adj.*** [OE] **1** moving with great speed; fast **2** coming, acting, etc. quickly —***n.*** a swift-flying, swallowlike bird —**swift'ly** *adv.* —**swift'ness** *n.*

Swift (swift), **Jon·a·than** (jän'ə thən) 1667-1745; Eng. satirist, born in Ireland

swig (swig) [Inf.] ***vt., vi.* swigged, swig'ging** [< ?] to drink in gulps —***n.*** a big gulp, as of liquor

swill (swil) ***vt., vi.*** [OE *swilian*] **1** to drink greedily **2** to feed swill to (pigs, etc.) —***n.*** **1** liquid garbage fed to pigs **2** garbage

swim[1] (swim) ***vi.* swam, swum, swim'ming** [OE *swimman*] **1** to move through water by moving arms, legs, fins, etc. **2** to move along smoothly **3** to float on or in a liquid **4** to overflow [eyes *swimming* with tears] —***vt.*** to swim in or across —***n.*** the act of swimming —***adj.*** [Inf.] of or for swimming [*swim* trunks] —**in the swim** active in what is popular at the moment — **swim'mer** *n.*

swim[2] (swim) ***n.*** [OE *swima*] a dizzy spell —***vi.* swam, swum, swim'ming** **1** to be dizzy **2** to seem to whirl [the room *swam* before me]

swimming hole a deep place in a river, creek, etc. used for swimming

swim'ming·ly *adv.* easily and with success

swim'suit' ***n.*** a garment worn for swimming

swin·dle (swin'dəl) ***vt., vi.* -dled, -dling** [< Ger *schwindeln*] to defraud (another) of money or property; cheat —***n.*** an act of swindling; trick; fraud — **swin'dler** *n.*

swine (swīn) ***n., pl.* swine** [OE *swin*] **1** a pig or hog: usually used collectively **2**

a vicious, contemptible person

swing (swiŋ) ***vi.*** **swung, swing'ing** ‖OE *swingan*‖ **1** to sway or move backward and forward **2** to walk, trot, etc. with relaxed movements **3** to strike (*at*) **4** to turn, as on a hinge **5** to move in a curve **6** to hang; be suspended **7** [Slang] *a*) to be ultra-fashionable, esp. in seeking pleasure *b*) to engage in casual sexual relations —***vt.*** **1** to move, lift, etc. with a sweeping motion **2** to cause to move backward and forward **3** to cause to turn, as on a hinge **4** to cause to move in a curve *[swing* the car around*]* **5** [Inf.] to cause to come about successfully *[*to *swing* an election*]* —***n.*** **1** a swinging **2** the arc through which something swings **3** the manner of swinging a golf club, etc. **4** a relaxed motion, as in walking **5** a sweeping blow **6** the course of some activity, etc. **7** rhythm, as of music **8** a seat hanging from ropes, etc. on which one can swing **9** a trip or tour **10** jazz (*c.* 1935-45) characterized by large bands and written arrangements —***adj.*** having decisive power, as in determining an election *[*the *swing* vote*]*

swing'er ***n.*** [Slang] a sophisticated, uninhibited, pleasure-seeking person

swing shift [Inf.] the evening work shift, commonly from 4:00 P.M. to midnight

swipe (swīp) ***n.*** ‖prob. var. of SWEEP‖ [Inf.] **1** a hard, sweeping blow **2** a sweeping motion —***vt.*** **swiped, swip'ing** **1** [Inf.] to hit with a swipe **2** [Inf.] to pass across or through with a sweeping motion **3** [Slang] to steal

swirl (swʉrl) ***vi., vt.*** ‖ME (Scot) *swyrl*‖ to move or cause to move with a whirling motion —***n.*** **1** a whirl; eddy **2** a twist; curl —**swirl'y** ***adj.***

swish (swish) ***vi.*** ‖echoic‖ **1** to move with a sharp, hissing sound: said as of a cane swung through the air **2** to move with a light, brushing sound: said as of skirts in walking —***vt.*** **1** to cause to swish **2** to move (liquid), esp. in the mouth, with a hissing or gurgling sound —***n.*** a swishing sound or movement

Swiss (swis) ***adj.*** of Switzerland or its people, etc. —***n., pl.*** **Swiss** a person born or living in Switzerland

Swiss chard CHARD

Swiss (cheese) a hard, pale-yellow cheese with many large holes

Swiss steak a thick cut of round steak pounded with flour and braised with vegetables

switch (swich) ***n.*** ‖Early Modern Eng *swits*‖ **1** a thin, flexible stick used for whipping **2** a separate tress of hair, used as part of a coiffure **3** a device used to open, close, or divert an electric circuit **4** a device used to transfer a train from one track to another **5** a shift; change —***vt.*** **1** to whip as with a switch **2** to jerk sharply *[*the cow *switched* its tail*]* **3** to shift; change **4** to turn (an electric light, etc.) *on* or *off* **5** to transfer (a train, etc.) to another track **6** [Inf.] to change or exchange —***vi.*** to shift —**switch'er** ***n.***

switch'back' ***n.*** a road or railroad following a zigzag course up a steep grade

switch'blade' (**knife**) a large jackknife that snaps open when a release button is pressed

switch'board' ***n.*** a panel for controlling a system of electric circuits, as in a telephone exchange

switch'-hit'ter ***n.*** a baseball player who can bat right-handed and left-handed

Swit·zer·land (swit'sər lənd) country in WC Europe: 15,880 sq. mi.; pop. 6,366,000

swiv·el (swiv'əl) ***n.*** ‖< OE *swifan,* to revolve‖ a coupling device that allows free turning of the parts attached to it —***vi., vt.*** **-eled** or **-elled, -el·ing** or **-el·ling** to turn or cause to turn on or as on a swivel or pivot

swiz·zle stick (swiz'əl) ‖< ?‖ a small rod for stirring mixed drinks

swob (swäb) ***n., vt.*** **swobbed, swob'bing** *alt. sp. of* SWAB

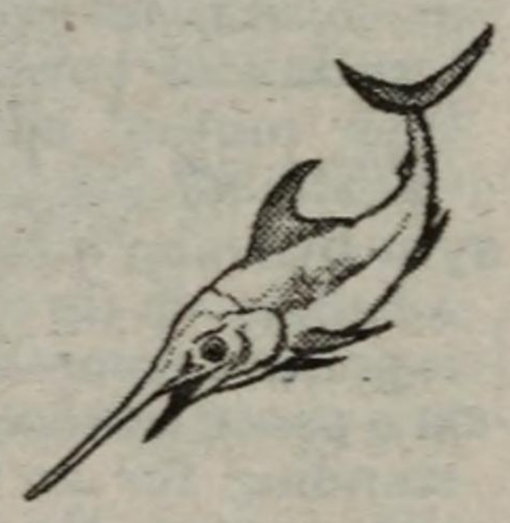
swol·len (swōl'ən) ***vi., vt.*** *alt. pp. of* SWELL —***adj.*** blown up; distended; bulging

swoon (swo͞on) ***vi., n.*** ‖< OE *geswogen,* unconscious‖ FAINT

swoop (swo͞op) ***vi.*** ‖< OE *swapan,* sweep along‖ to pounce or sweep (*down* or *upon*), as a bird does in hunting —***n.*** the act of swooping

swop (swäp) ***vt., vi.*** **swopped, swop'ping,** ***n.*** [Chiefly Brit.] *alt. sp. of* SWAP

sword (sôrd) ***n.*** ‖OE *sweord*‖ a hand weapon with a long, sharp-pointed blade set in a hilt —**at swords' points** ready to quarrel or fight



SWORDFISH

sword'fish' ***n., pl.*** **-fish'** a large marine food fish with an upper jawbone extending in a swordlike point

sword'play' ***n.*** the act or skill of using a sword, as in fencing

swords·man (sôrdz'mən) ***n., pl.*** **-men** one skilled in using a sword

swore (swôr) ***vi., vt.*** *pt. of* SWEAR

sworn (swôrn) ***vi., vt.*** *pp. of* SWEAR —***adj.*** bound, pledged, etc. by or as by an oath

swum (swum) ***vi., vt.*** *pp. of* SWIM[1] & SWIM[2]

swung (swuŋ) ***vi., vt.*** *pp. & pt. of* SWING

syb·a·rite (sib'ə rīt') ***n.*** ‖after *Sybaris,* ancient Gr city in Italy‖ anyone very fond of luxury and pleasure —**syb'a·rit'ic** (-rit'ik) ***adj.***

syc·a·more (sik'ə môr') ***n.*** ‖< Gr *sykomoros,* a fig tree mentioned in the Bible‖ **1** a maple tree of Europe and Asia **2** an American tree with bark that sheds in patches

syc·o·phant (sik'ə fənt) ***n.*** ‖< Gr *sykophantēs,* informer‖ one who seeks favor by flattering people of wealth or influence —**syc'o·phan·cy** ***n.***

Syd·ney (sid'nē) seaport in SE Aus-

tralia: pop. 3,365,000

syl·lab·i·cate (si lab′i kāt′) ***vt.*** **-cat′ed, -cat′ing** SYLLABIFY —**syl·lab′i·ca′tion** ***n.***

syl·lab·i·fy (si lab′ə fī′) ***vt.*** **-fied′, -fy′ing** ‖ult. < L *syllaba,* syllable + *facere,* make‖ to form or divide into syllables —**syl·lab′i·fi·ca′tion** ***n.***

syl·la·ble (sil′ə bəl) ***n.*** ‖< Gr *syn-,* together + *lambanein,* to hold‖ **1** a word or part of a word pronounced with a single, uninterrupted sounding of the voice **2** one or more letters written to represent a spoken syllable —**syl·lab·ic** (si lab′ik) ***adj.***

syl·la·bus (sil′ə bəs) ***n.,*** *pl.* **-bus·es** or **-bi′** (-bī′) ‖ult. < Gr *sittybos,* strip of leather‖ a summary or outline, esp. of a course of study

syl·lo·gism (sil′ə jiz′əm) ***n.*** ‖< Gr *syn-,* together + *logizesthai,* to reason‖ a form of reasoning in which two premises are made and a logical conclusion is drawn from them

sylph (silf) ***n.*** ‖Mod L *sylphus,* a spirit‖ **1** an imaginary being supposed to inhabit the air **2** a slender, graceful woman or girl —**sylph′like′** ***adj.***

syl·van (sil′vən) ***adj.*** ‖< L *silva,* forest‖ **1** of, characteristic of, or living in the woods or forest **2** covered with trees; wooded

sym·bi·o·sis (sim′bī ō′sis, -bē-) ***n.*** ‖< Gr *symbioun,* to live together‖ the living together of two kinds of organisms to their mutual advantage —**sym′bi·ot′ic** (-ät′ik) ***adj.***

sym·bol (sim′bəl) ***n.*** ‖< Gr *syn-,* together + *ballein,* to throw‖ **1** an object used to represent something abstract *[*the dove is a peace *symbol]* **2** a mark, letter, etc. standing for an object, quality, quantity, process, etc., as in music or chemistry —**sym·bol′ic** (-bäl′ik) or **sym·bol′i·cal** ***adj.*** —**sym·bol′i·cal·ly** ***adv.***

sym′bol·ism′ ***n.*** **1** representation by symbols **2** a system of symbols **3** symbolic meaning

sym′bol·ize′ ***vt.*** **-ized′, -iz′ing** **1** to be a symbol of; stand for **2** to represent by a symbol or symbols

sym·me·try (sim′ə trē) ***n.,*** *pl.* **-tries** ‖< Gr *syn-,* together + *metron,* a measure‖ **1** correspondence of opposite parts in size, shape, and position **2** balance or beauty of form resulting from this —**sym·met·ri·cal** (si me′tri kəl) ***adj.*** —**sym·met′ri·cal·ly** ***adv.***

sym·pa·thet·ic (sim′pə thet′ik) ***adj.*** **1** of, feeling, or showing sympathy **2** in agreement with one's tastes, mood, etc. **3** *Physiology* designating the part of the autonomic nervous system involved esp. in communicating the involuntary response to alarm, as by speeding the heart rate —**sym′pa·thet′i·cal·ly** ***adv.***

sym′pa·thize′ (-thīz′) ***vi.*** **-thized′, -thiz′ing** **1** to share the feelings or ideas of another **2** to feel or express sympathy —**sym′pa·thiz′er** ***n.***

sym′pa·thy (-thē) ***n.,*** *pl.* **-thies** ‖< Gr *syn-,* together + *pathos,* feeling‖ **1** sameness of feeling **2** mutual liking or understanding **3** *a*) ability to share another's ideas, emotions, etc. *b*) pity or compassion for another's trouble or suffering

sym·pho·ny (sim′fə nē) ***n.,*** *pl.* **-nies** ‖< Gr *syn-,* together + *phōnē,* a sound‖ **1** harmony of sounds, color, etc. **2** an extended musical composition in several movements, for full orchestra **3** SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA **4** [Inf.] a concert by a symphony orchestra —**sym·phon′ic** (-fän′ik) ***adj.***

symphony orchestra a large orchestra for playing symphonic works

sym·po·si·um (sim pō′zē əm) ***n.,*** *pl.* **-si·ums** or **-si·a** (-ə) ‖< Gr *syn-,* together + *posis,* a drinking‖ **1** a conference to discuss a topic **2** a published group of opinions on a topic

symp·tom (simp′təm) ***n.*** ‖< Gr *syn-,* together + *piptein,* to fall‖ any circumstance or condition that indicates the existence of something, as a particular disease —**symp′to·mat′ic** (-tə mat′ik) ***adj.***

syn *abbrev.* synonym

syn- ‖Gr‖ *prefix* with, together, at the same time

syn·a·gogue (sin′ə gäg′, -gôg′) ***n.*** ‖< Gr *syn-,* together + *agein,* do‖ **1** an assembly of Jews for worship and religious study **2** a building or place for such assembly —**syn′a·gog′al** ***adj.***

syn·apse (sin′aps′) ***n.*** ‖< Gr *syn-,* together + *apsis,* a joining‖ the space between nerve cells through which nerve impulses are transmitted

sync or **synch** (siŋk) ***vi., vt.*** **synced** or **synched, sync′ing** or **synch′ing** *short for* SYNCHRONIZE —***n.*** *short for* SYNCHRONIZATION —**in** (or **out of**) **sync** in (or out of) synchronization or harmony (*with*)

syn·chro·nize (siŋ′krə nīz′) ***vi.*** **-nized′, -niz′ing** ‖< Gr *syn-,* together + *chronos,* time‖ to move or occur at the same time or rate —***vt.*** to cause to agree in time or rate of speed —**syn′chro·ni·za′tion** ***n.***

syn′chro·nous ***adj.*** happening at the same time or at the same rate

syn·co·pate (siŋ′kə pāt′) ***vt.*** **-pat′ed, -pat′ing** ‖< Gr *syn-,* together + *koptein,* to cut‖ *Music* to begin a tone on an unaccented beat and continue it through the next accented beat —**syn′co·pa′tion** ***n.***

syn·di·cate (sin′də kit; *for v.,* -kāt′) ***n.*** ‖< Gr *syn-,* together + *dikē,* justice‖ **1** an association of individuals or corporations formed to carry out a project requiring much capital **2** any group, as of criminals, organized for some undertaking **3** an organization selling articles or features to many newspapers, etc. —***vt.*** **-cat′ed, -cat′ing** **1** to manage as or form into a syndicate **2** *a*) to sell (an article, etc.) through a syndicate *b*) to sell (a program, etc.) to a number of radio or TV stations —***vi.*** to form a syndicate —**syn′di·ca′tion** ***n.***

syn·drome (sin′drōm′) ***n.*** ‖< Gr *syn-,* with + *dramein,* to run‖ a set of symptoms characterizing a disease or condition

syn·er·gism (sin′ər jiz′əm) ***n.*** ‖< Gr *syn-,* together + *ergon,* work‖ an interaction of several things that results in a

greater effect than the sum of the things' individual effects: said esp. of drugs —**syn'er·gis'tic** *adj.*

syn·fu·el (sin'fyo͞o'əl) *n.* [SYN(THETIC) + FUEL] a fuel, as oil or gas made from coal, used as a substitute for petroleum or natural gas

syn·od (sin'əd) *n.* [< Gr *syn-*, together + *hodos*, way] **1** an ecclesiastical council **2** a high governing body in certain Christian churches

syn·o·nym (sin'ə nim) *n.* [< Gr *syn-*, together + *onyma*, a name] a word having the same or nearly the same meaning as another in the same language —**syn·on·y·mous** (si nän'ə məs) *adj.*

syn·op·sis (si näp'sis) *n.*, *pl.* **-ses'** (-sēz') [< Gr *syn-*, together + *opsis*, a seeing] a brief, general review or condensation; summary

syn·tax (sin'taks') *n.* [< Gr *syn-*, together + *tassein*, arrange] the arrangement of and relationships among words, phrases, and clauses forming sentences —**syn·tac'tic** (-tak' tik) or **syn·tac'ti·cal** *adj.*

syn·the·sis (sin'thə sis) *n.*, *pl.* **-ses'** (-sēz') [< Gr *syn-*, together + *tithenai*, to place] the combining of parts or elements so as to form a whole, a compound, etc. —**syn'the·size'** (-sīz'), **-sized'**, **-siz'ing**, *vt.*

syn'the·siz'er *n.* an electronic device producing sounds unobtainable from ordinary musical instruments or imitating instruments and voices

syn·thet'ic (-thet'ik) *adj.* **1** of or involving synthesis **2** produced by chemical synthesis, rather than of natural origin **3** not real; artificial —*n.* something synthetic —**syn·thet'i·cal·ly** *adv.*

syph·i·lis (sif'ə lis) *n.* [after *Syphilus*, hero of a L poem (1530)] a sexually transmitted disease caused by a spirochete —**syph'i·lit'ic** *adj.*, *n.*

Syr·i·a (sir'ē ə) country in SW Asia, at the E end of the Mediterranean: 71,498 sq. mi.; pop. 9,046,000 —**Syr'i·an** *adj.*, *n.*

sy·ringe (sə rinj', sir'inj) *n.* [< Gr *syrinx*, a pipe] **1** a device consisting of a tube with a rubber bulb or piston at one end, for drawing in a liquid and then ejecting it in a stream: used to inject fluids into body cavities, etc. **2** HYPODERMIC SYRINGE —*vt.* **-ringed'**, **-ring'ing** to cleanse, inject, etc. by using a syringe

syr·up (sur'əp, sir'-) *n.* [< OFr *sirop* < ML *sirupus* < Ar *sharāb*, a drink] any thick, sweet liquid; specif., a solution of sugar and water boiled together

syr'up·y *adj.* **1** like syrup **2** overly sentimental

sys·tem (sis'təm) *n.* [< Gr *syn-*, together + *histanai*, to set] **1** a set or arrangement of things related so as to form a whole [a solar *system*, a school *system*] **2** a set of facts, rules, etc. arranged to show a logical plan linking them **3** a method or plan **4** an established, orderly way of doing something **5** the body, or a number of bodily organs, functioning as a unit

sys'tem·at'ic (-tə mat'ik) *adj.* **1** constituting or based on a system **2** according to a system; orderly —**sys'tem·at'i·cal·ly** *adv.*

sys'tem·a·tize' (-tə mə tīz') *vt.* **-tized'**, **-tiz'ing** to arrange according to a system; make systematic —**sys'tem·a·ti·za'tion** *n.*

sys·tem·ic (sis tem'ik) *adj.* of or affecting the body as a whole

sys·to·le (sis'tə lē') *n.* [< Gr *syn-*, together + *stellein*, to set up] the usual rhythmic contraction of the heart —**sys·tol'ic** (-täl'ik) *adj.*

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t[1] or **T** (tē) *n.*, *pl.* **t's**, **T's** the 20th letter of the English alphabet —**to a T** to perfection; exactly

t[2] *abbrev.* **1** teaspoon(s) **2** temperature **3** tense **4** ton(s) **5** transitive

T *abbrev.* **1** tablespoon(s) **2** temperature **3** Thursday **4** Tuesday

't- *prefix* it: used chiefly in poetry ['twas]

tab[1] (tab) *n.* [< ?] **1** a small, flat loop or strap fastened to something **2** a projecting piece as of a file folder, used in filing

tab[2] (tab) *n.* [prob. < TABULATION] [Inf.] **1** a bill, as for expenses **2** total cost —**keep tabs** (or **a tab**) **on** [Inf.] to keep a check on

Ta·bas·co (tə bas'kō) *trademark for* a very hot sauce made from a tropical American hot red pepper

tab·bou·leh (tə bo͞o'lē, -le) *n.* [Ar] a salad of coarsely ground wheat with chopped parsley, tomatoes, scallions, etc.

tab·by (tab'ē) *n.*, *pl.* **-bies** [ult. < Ar] a domestic cat, esp. a female

tab·er·nac·le (tab'ər nak'əl) *n.* [< L *taberna*, hut] **1** a large place of worship **2** [T-] the portable sanctuary carried by the Jews during the Exodus

tab·la (täb'lä) *n.* [< Ar *ṭabla*, a drum] a set of two small drums whose pitch can be varied, used esp. in India and played with the hands

ta·ble (tā'bəl) *n.* [< L *tabula*, a board] **1** [Obs.] a thin slab of metal, stone, etc. **2** *a*) a piece of furniture having a flat top set on legs *b*) such a table set with food *c*) food served *d*) the people seated at a table **3** *a*) a systematic list of details, contents, etc. *b*) an orderly arrangement of facts, figures, etc. **4** any flat, horizontal surface, piece, etc. —*vt.* **-bled**, **-bling** to postpone indefinitely the consideration of (a legislative bill, etc.) —**at table** at a meal —**turn the tables** to reverse a situation

tab·leau (tab'lō', ta blō') *n.*, *pl.* **-leaux'** (-lōz') or **-leaus'** [Fr < OFr, dim. of *table*] a striking, dramatic scene or pic-

ture

ta′ble·cloth′ *n.* a cloth for covering a table, esp. at meals

ta·ble d'hôte (tä′bəl dōt′) [Fr, table of the host] a complete meal served at a restaurant for a set price

ta′ble-hop′ *vi.* **-hopped′, -hop′ping** to leave one's table, as at a restaurant, and visit at other tables

ta′ble·land′ *n.* a plateau

ta′ble·spoon′ *n.* **1** a large spoon for serving or for eating soup **2** a measuring spoon holding ½ fluid ounce —**ta′ble·spoon′ful**, *pl.* **-fuls**, *n.*

tab·let (tab′lit) *n.* [see TABLE] **1** a thin, flat piece of stone, metal, etc. with an inscription **2** a writing pad of paper sheets glued together at one edge **3** a small, flat piece of compressed material, as of medicine

table tennis a game somewhat like tennis, played on a table with a small, hollow celluloid ball

ta′ble·ware′ (-wer′) *n.* dishes, glassware, silverware, etc. for use at a meal

tab·loid (tab′loid′) *n.* [TABL(ET) + -OID] a newspaper, usually half size, with many pictures and short, often sensational, news stories

ta·boo (tə bo͞o′, ta-) *n.* [< a Polynesian language] **1** among some Polynesian peoples, a sacred prohibition making certain people or things untouchable, etc. **2** any conventional social restriction —*adj.* prohibited by taboo —*vt.* **-booed′, -boo′ing** **1** to put under taboo **2** to prohibit or forbid Also **ta·bu′**

ta·bou·li (tə bo͞o′lē) *n. var. of* TABBOULEH

tab·u·lar (tab′yə lər) *adj.* [see TABLE] **1** flat **2** of, arranged in, or computed from a table or list

tab′u·late′ (-lāt′) *vt.* **-lat′ed, -lat′ing** to put (facts, statistics, etc.) in a table —**tab′u·la′tion** *n.* —**tab′u·la′tor** *n.*

ta·chom·e·ter (ta käm′ət ər) *n.* [< Gr *tachos,* speed + -METER] a device that measures the rate of rotation of a revolving shaft

tach·y·car·di·a (tak′i kär′dē ə) *n.* [< Gr *tachys,* swift + *kardia,* heart] an abnormally fast heartbeat

tac·it (tas′it) *adj.* [< L *tacere,* be silent] **1** unspoken **2** not expressed openly, but implied or understood —**tac′it·ly** *adv.* —**tac′it·ness** *n.*

tac·i·turn (tas′ə tʉrn′) *adj.* [see prec.] almost always silent; not liking to talk —**tac′i·tur′ni·ty** *n.*

tack (tak) *n.* [< MDu *tacke,* twig, point] **1** a short nail or pin with a sharp point and a large, flat head **2** a temporary stitch **3** a course of action **4** *a*) the direction a ship goes in relation to the position of the sails *b*) a change of a ship's direction —*vt.* **1** to fasten with tacks **2** to attach or add **3** to change the course of (a ship) —*vi.* to change course suddenly

tack·le (tak′əl) *n.* [< MDu *takel*] **1** equipment; gear **2** a system of ropes and pulleys for moving weights **3** a tackling, as in football **4** *Football* a lineman next to the end —*vt.* **tack′led, tack′ling** **1** to take hold of; seize **2** to try to do; undertake **3** *Football* to throw (the ball carrier) to the ground —**tack′ler** *n.*

tack·y (tak′ē) *adj.* **-i·er, -i·est** **1** sticky: said as of drying varnish **2** dowdy or shabby **3** in poor taste —**tack′i·ness** *n.*

ta·co (tä′kō) *n., pl.* **-cos** [Sp, light lunch] a fried tortilla filled with chopped meat, lettuce, etc.

Ta·co·ma (tə kō′mə) seaport in W Washington: pop. 177,000

tact (takt) *n.* [< L *tangere,* to touch] delicate perception of the right thing to say or do without offending —**tact′ful** *adj.* —**tact′less** *adj.*

tac·tics (tak′tiks) *pl.n.* [< Gr *tassein,* arrange] **1** [*with sing. v.*] the science of maneuvering military and naval forces **2** any skillful methods to gain an end —**tac′ti·cal** *adj.* —**tac·ti′cian** (-tish′ən) *n.*

tac·tile (tak′təl) *adj.* [< L *tangere,* to touch] of, having, or perceived by the sense of touch

tad (tad) *n.* [prob. < TADPOLE] a small amount or degree: often used adverbially *[a tad* tired*]*

tad·pole (tad′pōl′) *n.* [ME *tadde,* toad + *poll,* head] the larva of a frog or toad, having gills and a tail and living in water

taf·fe·ta (taf′i tə) *n.* [< Pers *tāftan,* to weave] a fine, stiff fabric of silk, nylon, etc., with a sheen

taff·rail (taf′rāl′) *n.* [< Du] the rail around the stern of a ship

taf·fy (taf′ē) *n.* [< ?] a chewy candy made of sugar or molasses

Taft (taft), **Wil·liam How·ard** (wil′yəm hou′ərd) 1857-1930; 27th president of the U.S. (1909-13): chief justice of the U.S. (1921-30)

tag (tag) *n.* [prob. < Scand] **1** a hanging end or part **2** a hard-tipped end on a cord or lace **3** a card, etc. attached as a label **4** an epithet **5** ending for a story, etc. **6** TAG LINE **7** a children's game in which one player chases the others with the object of touching one of them —*vt.* **tagged, tag′ging** **1** to provide with a tag; label **2** to choose or select **3** to touch in playing tag **4** [Inf.] to strike or hit hard —*vi.* [Inf.] to follow closely: with *along, after,* etc. —**tag′ger** *n.*

Ta·ga·log (tä gä′lōg′) *n.* **1** *pl.* **-logs′** or **-log′** a member of the ethnic group native to the Manila region in the Philippines **2** the language of this group, an official language of the Republic of the Philippines

tag line the last line or lines of a speech, etc.

Ta·hi·ti (tə hēt′ē) French island in the S Pacific —**Ta·hi′ti·an** (-hēsh′ən) *adj., n.*

Tai (tī) *n.* **1** a group of languages spoken in central and SE Asia **2** a member of a group of peoples of SE Asia that speak these languages —*adj.* of these languages or peoples

tai chi (tī′ jē′, tī chē′) [Mandarin] a Chinese exercise system consisting of a series of slow, relaxed movements: in full **t'ai chi ch'uan** (chwän)

tai·ga (tī′gə) *n.* [Russ] a type of plant community in the far north, having

scattered trees

tail (tāl) ***n.*** [OE *tægel*] **1** the rear end of an animal's body, esp. when a distinct appendage **2** anything like an animal's tail in form or position **3** the hind, bottom, last, or inferior part of anything **4** [*often pl.*] the reverse side of a coin **5** [*pl.*] full-dress attire for men **6** [Inf.] one that follows another, esp. in surveillance —***adj.*** **1** at the rear or end **2** from the rear *[a tail wind]* —***vt.*** [Slang] to follow stealthily —***vi.*** [Inf.] to follow close behind —**turn tail** to run from danger or difficulty

tail'back' ***n.*** *Football* the offensive back farthest from the line

tail'bone' ***n.*** COCCYX

tail end **1** the rear of anything **2** the concluding part

tail fin **1** a fin that forms the tail of a fish, etc. **2** a finlike projection at the rear of a rocket, car, etc.

tail'gate' ***n.*** the hinged or removable gate at the back of a wagon, truck, etc. —***vi., vt.*** **-gat'ed, -gat'ing** to drive too closely behind (another vehicle) — **tail'gat'er** ***n.***

tail'ings ***pl.n.*** waste or refuse left in various processes of milling, mining, etc.

tail'light' ***n.*** a light, usually red, at the rear of a vehicle to warn vehicles coming from behind

tai·lor (tā'lər) ***n.*** [< VL *taliare,* to cut] one who makes, repairs, or alters clothes —***vt.*** **1** to make by tailor's work **2** to form, alter, etc. for a certain purpose

tail'pipe' ***n.*** the exhaust pipe coming from the muffler of a motor vehicle

tail'spin' ***n.*** SPIN (*n. 3*)

taint (tānt) ***vt.*** [< ?] **1** to affect with something injurious, unpleasant, etc.; infect, spoil, etc. **2** to make morally corrupt —***n.*** a trace of contamination, corruption, etc.

Tai·pei (tī'pā') capital of Taiwan: pop. 2,108,000

Tai·wan (tī'wän') island province of China, off the SE coast: together with nearby islands it forms the *Republic of China*: 13,970 sq. mi.; pop. 21,000,000

Ta·jik·i·stan (tä jik'i stan') country in WC Asia: formerly a republic of the U.S.S.R.: 55,240 sq. mi.; pop. 5,093,000

take (tāk) ***vt.*** **took, tak'en, tak'ing** [< ON *taka*] **1** to get possession of; capture, seize, etc. **2** to get hold of **3** to capture the fancy of; charm **4** to obtain, acquire, assume, etc. **5** to use, consume, etc. **6** to buy, rent, subscribe to, etc. **7** to join with (one side in a disagreement, etc.) **8** to choose; select **9** to travel by *[to take a bus]* **10** to deal with; consider **11** to occupy *[take a chair]* **12** to require; demand *[it takes money]* **13** to derive (a name, quality, etc.) from **14** to excerpt; extract **15** to study **16** to write down *[take notes]* **17** to make by photographing **18** to win (a prize, etc.) **19** to undergo *[take punishment]* **20** to occupy oneself in; enjoy *[take a nap]* **21** to accept (an offer, bet, etc.) **22** to react to *[take a joke in earnest]* **23** to contract (a disease, etc.) **24** to understand **25** to suppose; presume **26** to feel *[take pity]* **27** to lead, escort, etc. **28** to carry **29** to remove, as by stealing **30** to subtract **31** [Slang] to cheat; trick **32** *Gram.* to be used with *[the verb "hit" takes an object]* —***vi.*** **1** to take root: said of a plant **2** to catch *[the fire took]* **3** to gain favor, success, etc. **4** to be effective *[the vaccination took]* **5** [Inf. or Dial.] to become (sick) —***n.*** **1** a taking **2** *a*) the amount taken *b*) [Slang] receipts or profit —**on the take** [Slang] taking bribes, etc. —**take after** to be, act, or look like —**take back** to retract (something said, etc.) —**take down** to put in writing; record —**take for** **1** to regard as **2** to mistake for — **take in** **1** to admit; receive **2** to make smaller **3** to understand **4** to cheat; trick —**take off** **1** to leave the ground, etc. in flight **2** [Inf.] to start **3** [Inf.] to imitate in a burlesque manner: with *on* —**take on** **1** to acquire; assume **2** to employ **3** to undertake (a task, etc.) — **take over** to assume control or possession of —**take to** **1** to become fond of **2** to go to or withdraw to *[to take to the hills]* —**take up** **1** to make tighter or shorter **2** to become interested in (an occupation, study, etc.) —**tak'er** ***n.***

take'off' ***n.*** **1** the act or place of leaving the ground, as in jumping or flight **2** [Inf.] a mocking imitation; caricature

take'out' ***n.*** prepared food bought to be taken away —***adj.*** designating or of such food

take'o'ver ***n.*** **1** the usurpation of power in a nation, organization, etc. **2** the assumption of management in acquiring a corporation

tak·ing (tāk'iŋ) ***adj.*** attractive; winning —***n.*** **1** the act of one that takes **2** [*pl.*] earnings; profits

talc (talk) ***n.*** [< Ar *ṭalq*] **1** a soft mineral used to make talcum powder, etc. **2** *short for* TALCUM (POWDER)

tal·cum (powder) (tal'kəm) a powder for the body made of purified talc

tale (tāl) ***n.*** [OE *talu*] **1** a story; narrative **2** idle or malicious gossip **3** a fiction; lie

tale'bear'er (-ber'ər) ***n.*** a gossip

tal·ent (tal'ənt) ***n.*** [< Gr *talanton,* a weight] **1** an ancient unit of weight or money **2** any natural ability or power **3** a superior ability in an art, etc. **4** people, or a person, with talent — **tal'ent·ed** ***adj.***

tal·is·man (tal'is mən, -iz-) ***n.***, *pl.* **-mans** [< 5th-c. medieval Gr *telesma,* religious rite] **1** a ring, stone, etc. bearing engraved figures thought to bring good luck, avert evil, etc. **2** a charm

talk (tôk) ***vi.*** [prob. < OE *talian,* reckon] **1** to put ideas into words; speak **2** to express ideas by speech substitutes *[talk by signs]* **3** to chatter; gossip **4** to confer; consult **5** to confess or inform on someone —***vt.*** **1** to use in speaking *[to talk French]* **2** to discuss **3** to put into a specified condition, etc. by talking —***n.*** **1** the act of talking **2** conversation **3** a speech **4** a conference **5** gossip **6** the subject of conversation,

gossip, etc. **7** speech; dialect —**talk back** to answer impertinently —**talk down to** to talk patronizingly to, as by simple speech —**talk up** to promote in discussion —**talk'er** ***n.***

talk'a·tive (-ə tiv) ***adj.*** talking a great deal; loquacious

talking book a recording of a reading of a book, etc. for use esp. by the blind

talk·ing-to (tôk'iŋ to͞o') ***n.*** [Inf.] a scolding

talk show *Radio, TV* a program in which a host talks with guest celebrities, experts, etc.

talk'y ***adj.*** **-i·er, -i·est** **1** talkative **2** containing too much talk, or dialogue

tall (tôl) ***adj.*** ‖< OE *(ge)tæl,* swift‖ **1** higher in stature than the average **2** having a specified height **3** [Inf.] exaggerated *[*a *tall* tale*]* **4** [Inf.] large *[*a *tall* drink*]* —***adv.*** in an upright, dignified manner *[*to stand *tall]* —**tall'ness** ***n.***

Tal·la·has·see (tal'ə has'ē) capital of Florida: pop. 125,000

tal·low (tal'ō) ***n.*** ‖prob. < LowG *talg*‖ the solid fat of cattle, sheep, etc., used in candles, soaps, etc.

tal·ly (tal'ē) ***n., pl.*** **-lies** ‖< L *talea,* a stick (notched to keep accounts)‖ **1** anything used as a record for an account or score **2** an account, score, etc. **3** a tag or label —***vt.*** **-lied, -ly·ing** **1** to put on or as on a tally **2** to add (*up*) —***vi.*** **1** to score a point **2** to agree; correspond

tal·ly·ho (tal'ē hō') ***interj.*** the cry of a hunter on sighting the fox

Tal·mud (täl'mo͝od, tal'məd) ***n.*** ‖Heb, learning‖ the body of early Jewish civil and religious law

tal·on (tal'ən) ***n.*** ‖< L *talus,* an ankle‖ the claw of a bird of prey

tam (tam) ***n.*** *short for* TAM-O'-SHANTER

ta·ma·le (tə mä'lē) ***n.*** ‖< MexSp‖ spicy minced meat wrapped in a dough of corn meal

tam·a·rack (tam'ə rak') ***n.*** ‖< AmInd‖ **1** an American larch tree usually found in swamps **2** its wood

tam·a·rind (tam'ə rind') ***n.*** ‖< Ar *tamr hindī,* date of India‖ **1** a tropical tree with yellow flowers and brown pods **2** its sharp-tasting, edible fruit

tam·bou·rine (tam'bə rēn') ***n.*** ‖prob. < Ar *ṭanbūr,* stringed instrument‖ a shallow, single-headed hand drum with jingling metal disks in the rim: played by shaking, hitting, etc.

tame (tām) ***adj.*** **tam'er, tam'est** ‖OE *tam*‖ **1** changed from a wild state and trained for human use **2** gentle; docile **3** without spirit or force; dull —***vt.*** **tamed, tam'ing** **1** to make tame **2** to make gentle; subdue —**tam'a·ble** or **tame'a·ble** ***adj.*** —**tame'ly** ***adv.*** —**tame'ness** ***n.*** —**tam'er** ***n.***

Tam·il (tam'əl) ***n.*** the language of the Tamils, a people of S India and N Sri Lanka

tam-o'-shan·ter (tam'ə shan'tər) ***n.*** ‖< title character of Robert Burns's poem‖ a Scottish cap with a round, flat top



TAM-O'-SHANTER

tamp (tamp) ***vt.*** ‖< ? Fr *tampon,* a plug‖ to pack firmly or pound (*down*) by a series of blows or taps

Tam·pa (tam'pə) seaport in WC Florida, on the Gulf of Mexico: pop. 280,000

tam·per (tam'pər) ***vi.*** ‖< TEMPER‖ **1** to make secret, illegal arrangements (*with*) **2** to interfere (*with*) or meddle (*with*)

tam·pon (tam'pän') ***n.*** ‖Fr‖ a plug of cotton, etc. put into a body cavity, etc., as to stop bleeding

tan (tan) ***n.*** ‖< ML *tanum,* a bark used to tan hides‖ **1** a yellowish-brown color **2** a darkening of the skin as by exposure to the sun, etc. —***adj.*** **tan'ner, tan'nest** yellowish-brown —***vt.*** **tanned, tan'ning** **1** to change (hide) into leather by soaking in tannin **2** to produce a suntan in **3** [Inf.] to whip severely —***vi.*** to become tanned

tan·a·ger (tan'ə jər) ***n.*** ‖< AmInd (Brazil) *tangara*‖ any of various small, American songbirds: the males usually are brightly colored

tan·bark (tan'bark') ***n.*** any bark containing tannin, used to tan hides, etc.

tan·dem (tan'dəm) ***adv.*** ‖< punning use of L *tandem,* at length‖ one behind another; in single file —***n.*** teamwork between two persons, etc. *[*to work in *tandem]*

tang (taŋ) ***n.*** ‖< ON *tangi,* a sting‖ **1** a prong on a file, etc., that fits into the handle **2** a strong, penetrating taste or odor —**tang'y, -i·er, -i·est,** ***adj.***

tan·ge·lo (tan'jə lō') ***n., pl.*** **-los'** ‖TANG(ERINE) + (*pom*)*elo,* grapefruit‖ a fruit produced by crossing a tangerine with a grapefruit

tan·gent (tan'jənt) ***adj.*** ‖< L *tangere,* to touch‖ **1** touching **2** *Geom.* touching a curved surface at one point but not intersecting it —***n.*** a tangent line, curve, or surface —**go off at** (or **on**) **a tangent** to change suddenly to another line of action, etc. —**tan·gen'tial** (-jen' shəl) ***adj.***

tan·ge·rine (tan'jə rēn') ***n.*** ‖after *Tangier,* city in N Africa‖ a small, loose-skinned, reddish-yellow orange with easily separated segments

tan·gi·ble (tan'jə bəl) ***adj.*** ‖< L *tangere,* to touch‖ **1** that can be touched or felt **2** definite; objective —***n.*** [*pl.*] assets having real substance and able to be appraised for value —**tan'gi·bil'i·ty** ***n.***

tan·gle (taŋ'gəl) ***vt.*** **-gled, -gling** ‖< ? Swed‖ **1** to catch as in a snare; trap **2** to make a snarl of; intertwine —***vi.*** **1** to become tangled **2** [Inf.] to argue —***n.*** **1** an intertwined, confused mass **2** a confused condition or state

tan·go (taŋ'gō) ***n., pl.*** **-gos** ‖AmSp‖ **1** a

South American dance for couples with long gliding steps and dips **2** music for this dance in 2/4 or 4/4 time —*vi.* to dance the tango

tank (taŋk) *n.* [in sense 1 < Sans] **1** any large container for liquid or gas **2** an armored combat vehicle with tractor treads —*vi.* [Slang] to fail

tank·ard (taŋ′kərd) *n.* [< OFr *tanquart*] a large drinking cup with a handle

tank·er (taŋ′kər) *n.* **1** a ship equipped to transport oil or other liquids **2** a plane designed to carry liquids, as for refueling another plane in flight **3** a truck, etc. equipped to transport liquids or dry commodities in bulk

tank top [orig. worn in swimming tanks] a sleeveless casual shirt with shoulder straps

tank truck a motor truck built to transport gasoline, oil, etc.

tan·ner (tan′ər) *n.* a person whose work is making leather by tanning hides

tan′ner·y *n., pl.* **-ner·ies** a place where leather is made by tanning hides

tan·nic acid (tan′ik) a yellowish, astringent substance used in tanning hides, dyeing, etc.

tan′nin (-in) *n.* [< *tan*, TAN + *-in*, -INE³] any of a group of compounds, as tannic acid, that convert hide into leather

tan·sy (tan′zē) *n., pl.* **-sies** [< LL *tanacetum*] a plant with a strong smell and small, yellow flowers

tan·ta·lize (tan′tə līz′) *vt.* **-lized′**, **-liz′ing** [after *Tantalus*, in Gr myth, a king doomed in Hades to stand in water that always recedes when he wishes to drink and under fruit he cannot reach] to promise or show something desirable and then withhold it; tease

tan·ta·mount (tant′ə mount′) *adj.* [< OFr *tant*, so much + *amont*, upward] equal (*to*) in value, effect, etc.

tan·tra (tun′trə, tän′-) *n.* [Sans] [*often* T-] a form of yoga teaching attainment of ecstasy —**tan′tric** *adj.*

tan·trum (tan′trəm) *n.* [< ?] a violent, willful outburst of rage, etc.

Tan·za·ni·a (tan′zə nē′ə) country in E Africa: 364,881 sq. mi.; pop. 23,174,000 —**Tan′za·ni′an** *adj., n.*

Tao·ism (dou′iz′əm, tou′-) *n.* [Chin *tao*, the way] a Chinese religion and philosophy advocating simplicity, selflessness, etc. —**Tao′ist** *n., adj.*

tap[1] (tap) *vt., vi.* **tapped**, **tap′ping** [echoic] **1** to strike lightly **2** to make or do by tapping [to *tap* a message] **3** to choose, as for membership in a club —*n.* a light, rapid blow

tap[2] (tap) *n.* [OE *tæppa*] **1** a faucet or spigot **2** a plug, cork, etc. for stopping a hole in a cask, etc. **3** a tool used to cut threads inside a nut, pipe, etc. **4** the act or an instance of wiretapping **5** *Elec.* a place in a circuit where a connection can be made —*vt.* **tapped**, **tap′ping** **1** to put a tap or spigot on **2** to make a hole in, or pull the plug from, for drawing off liquid **3** to draw off (liquid) **4** to make use of [to *tap* new resources] **5** to make a connection with (a pipe, circuit, etc.); specif., to wiretap

tap dance a dance done with sharp, loud taps of the foot, toe, or heel at each step —**tap′-dance′**, **-danced′**, **-danc′ing**, *vi.* —**tap′-danc′er** *n.*

tape (tāp) *n.* [OE *tæppe*, a fillet] **1** a strong, narrow strip of cloth, paper, etc. used for binding, tying, etc. **2** *short for* MAGNETIC TAPE **3** *short for* TAPE MEASURE —*vt.* **taped**, **tap′ing** **1** to bind, tie, etc. with tape **2** to record on magnetic tape

tape deck a component of an audio system, that records and plays back magnetic tapes

tape measure a tape with marks in inches, feet, etc. for measuring

ta·per (tā′pər) *n.* [OE *tapur*] **1** a slender candle **2** a gradual decrease in width or thickness —*vt., vi.* **1** to decrease gradually in width or thickness **2** to lessen; diminish Often with *off*

tape recorder a device for recording on magnetic tape and for playing back what has been recorded

tap·es·try (tap′əs trē) *n., pl.* **-tries** [< Gr *tapes*, a carpet] a heavy woven cloth with decorative designs and pictures, used as a wall hanging, etc.

tape′worm′ *n.* a long, tapelike flatworm that lives as a parasite in the intestines

tap·i·o·ca (tap′ē ō′kə) *n.* [< AmInd (Brazil)] a starchy substance from cassava roots, used for puddings, etc.

ta·pir (tā′pər) *n.* [< AmInd (Brazil)] a large, hoglike mammal of tropical America and the Malay Peninsula

tapped out [Slang] **1** having no money; broke **2** exhausted or depleted

tap′room′ *n.* BARROOM

tap′root′ *n.* [TAP² + ROOT¹] a main root, growing downward, from which small branch roots spread out

taps (taps) *n.* [< TAP¹, because orig. a drum signal] [*with sing. or pl. v.*] a bugle call to put out lights in retiring for the night

tar[1] (tär) *n.* [OE *teru*] a thick, sticky, black liquid formed when hot coal, wood, etc. decomposes in the absence of air —*vt.* **tarred**, **tar′ring** to cover or smear with tar —**tar′ry**, **-ri·er**, **-ri·est**, *adj.*

tar[2] (tär) *n.* [< TAR(PAULIN)] [Inf.] a sailor

ta·ran·tu·la (tə ran′chōō lə) *n.* [after *Taranto*, city in S Italy] any of several large, hairy, somewhat poisonous spiders of S Europe and tropical America



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tar·dy (tär′dē) ***adj.*** **-di·er, -di·est** ‖< L *tardus*, slow‖ **1** slow in moving, acting, etc. **2** late, delayed, etc. —**tar′di·ly** ***adv.*** —**tar′di·ness** ***n.***

tare[1] (ter) ***n.*** ‖ME‖ **1** any of various vetches **2** *Bible* an undesirable weed

tare[2] (ter) ***n.*** ‖< Ar *ṭaraḥa*, to reject‖ the weight of a container, etc. deducted from the total weight to determine the weight of the contents or load

tar·get (tär′git) ***n.*** ‖< medieval Fr *targe*, a shield‖ **1** a board, etc. marked as with concentric circles, aimed at in archery, rifle practice, etc. **2** any object that is shot at **3** an objective; goal **4** an object of attack, criticism, etc. —***vt.*** to establish as a target, goal, etc.

tar·iff (tar′if) ***n.*** ‖< Ar *taʿrīf*, information‖ **1** a list or system of taxes upon exports or, esp., imports **2** such a tax, or its rate **3** a list or scale of prices, charges, etc. **4** [Inf.] any bill, charge, etc.

tar·mac (tär′mak′) ***n.*** ‖ult. < TAR[1] + MAC(ADAM)‖ [Chiefly Brit.] an airport runway or apron

tar·nish (tär′nish) ***vt.*** ‖< Fr *ternir*, make dim‖ **1** to dull the luster of **2** to sully or mar —***vi.*** **1** to lose luster **2** to become sullied —***n.*** **1** dullness **2** a stain —**tar′nish·a·ble** ***adj.***

ta·ro (ter′ō, tär′ō) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ros** ‖< a Polynesian language‖ a tropical Asiatic plant with a starchy, edible root

tar·ot (tar′ō, -ət; ta rō′) ***n.*** ‖Fr < Ar *ṭaraḥa*, to reject‖ [*often* **T-**] any of a set of 22 cards with pictures, used in fortunetelling

tarp (tärp) ***n.*** [Inf.] *short for* TARPAULIN

tar·pau·lin (tär pô′lin, tär′pə-) ***n.*** ‖< TAR[1] + PALL[2], a covering‖ **1** canvas coated with a waterproofing compound **2** a sheet of this

tar·pon (tär′pən) ***n.*** ‖< ?‖ a large, silvery game fish of the W Atlantic

tar·ra·gon (tar′ə gän′) ***n.*** ‖< Sp < Ar < Gr *drakōn*, a dragon‖ an Old World plant with fragrant leaves used for seasoning

tar·ry (tar′ē) ***vi.*** **-ried, -ry·ing** ‖< OE *tergan*, to vex & prob. OFr *targer*, to delay‖ **1** to delay; linger **2** to stay for a time **3** to wait

tart[1] (tärt) ***adj.*** ‖OE *teart*‖ **1** sharp in taste; sour; acid **2** sharp in meaning; cutting *[a tart answer]* —**tart′ly** ***adv.*** —**tart′ness** ***n.***

tart[2] (tärt) ***n.*** ‖< OFr *tarte*‖ a small pastry shell filled with jam, jelly, etc.

tart[3] (tärt) ***n.*** ‖< prec., orig., slang term of endearment‖ [Inf.] a prostitute

tar·tan (tärt′′n) ***n.*** ‖prob. < medieval Fr *tiretaine*, a cloth of mixed fibers‖ a woolen cloth in any of various woven plaid patterns, worn esp. in the Scottish Highlands

tar·tar (tärt′ər) ***n.*** ‖< medieval Gr *tartaron*‖ **1** cream of tartar, esp. the crude form present in grape juice and forming a crustlike deposit in wine casks **2** a hard deposit on the teeth

Tar·tar (tärt′ər) ***n.*** TATAR

tar·tar sauce (tärt′ər) ‖Fr‖ a sauce of mayonnaise with chopped pickles, olives, capers, etc.: also **tar′tare sauce**

task (task) ***n.*** ‖ult. < L *taxare*, to rate‖ **1** a piece of work to be done **2** any difficult undertaking —***vt.*** to burden; strain —**take to task** to scold

task force a group, esp. a military unit, assigned a specific task

task′mas′ter ***n.*** one who assigns tasks to others, esp. when severe

Tas·ma·ni·a (taz mā′nē ə) island of Australia, off its SE coast —**Tas·ma′ni·an** ***adj.***, ***n.***

tas·sel (tas′əl) ***n.*** ‖OFr, knob‖ **1** an ornamental tuft of threads, etc. hanging loosely from a knob **2** something resembling this, as a tuft of corn silk

taste (tāst) ***vt.*** **tast′ed, tast′ing** ‖< OFr *taster*‖ **1** to test the flavor of by putting a little in one's mouth **2** to detect the flavor of by the sense of taste **3** to eat or drink a small amount of **4** to experience *[to taste success]* —***vi.*** to have a specific flavor —***n.*** **1** the sense by which flavor is perceived through the taste buds on the tongue **2** the quality so perceived; flavor **3** a small amount tasted as a sample **4** a bit; trace **5** the ability to appreciate what is beautiful, appropriate, etc. **6** a specific preference **7** a liking; inclination —**in bad** (or **good**) **taste** in a style showing a bad (or good) sense of beauty, fitness, etc. —**taste′less** ***adj.*** —**tast′er** ***n.***

taste bud any of the cells, esp. in the tongue, that are the organs of taste

taste′ful ***adj.*** having or showing good TASTE (*n.* 5) —**taste′ful·ly** ***adv.***

tast·y (tās′tē) ***adj.*** **-i·er, -i·est** that tastes good; flavorful —**tast′i·ness** ***n.***

tat (tat) ***vt.*** **tat′ted, tat′ting** to make by tatting —***vi.*** to do tatting

ta·ta·mi (tə tä′mē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-mi** or **-mis** ‖Jpn‖ a floor mat of rice straw, used traditionally in Japanese homes for sitting on

Ta·tar (tät′ər) ***n.*** **1** a member of any of the E Asian peoples that invaded W Asia and E Europe in the Middle Ages **2** a Turkic language

tat·ter (tat′ər) ***n.*** ‖< ON *töturr*, rags‖ **1** a torn and hanging piece, as of a garment **2** [*pl.*] torn, ragged clothes —***vt.***, ***vi.*** to make or become ragged —**tat′tered** ***adj.***

tat′ter·de·mal′ion (-di māl′yən) ***n.*** ‖< prec. + ?‖ a person in torn, ragged clothes

tat·ting (tat′iŋ) ***n.*** ‖prob. < Brit dial. *tat*,

to tangle] **1** a fine lace made by looping and knotting thread **2** the act or process of making this

tat·tle (tat′l) ***vi.*** **-tled, -tling** [prob. < MDu *tatelen*] **1** to talk idly **2** to reveal others' secrets —***vt.*** to reveal (a secret) by gossiping —**tat′tler** ***n.***

tat′tle·tale′ ***n.*** an informer; a gossip

tat·too[1] (ta to͞o′) ***vt.*** **-tooed′, -too′ing** [< a Polynesian language] to make (permanent designs) on (the skin) by puncturing and inserting indelible color —***n., pl.*** **-toos′** a tattooed design

tat·too[2] (ta to͞o′) ***n., pl.*** **-toos′** [< Du *tap toe*, tap to (shut): a signal for closing barrooms] **1** a signal on a drum or bugle, summoning military personnel to their quarters at night **2** a drumming, rapping, etc.

tau (tou, tô) ***n.*** the 19th letter of the Greek alphabet (T, τ)

taught (tôt) ***vt., vi.*** *pt. & pp. of* TEACH

taunt (tônt, tänt) ***vt.*** [< ? Fr *tant pour tant*, tit for tat] to reproach scornfully or sarcastically; mock —***n.*** a scornful or jeering remark

taupe (tōp) ***n.*** [Fr < L *talpa*, mole] a dark, brownish gray

Tau·rus (tôr′əs) ***n.*** [L, a bull] the second sign of the zodiac

taut (tôt) ***adj.*** [ME *toght*, tight] **1** tightly stretched, as a rope **2** tense [a *taut* smile] **3** trim, tidy, etc. —**taut′ly** ***adv.*** —**taut′ness** ***n.***

tau·tol·o·gy (tô täl′ə jē) ***n., pl.*** **-gies** [< Gr < *to auto*, the same + -LOGY] needless repetition of an idea in a different word, phrase, etc.; redundancy —**tau′to·log′i·cal** ***adj.***

tav·ern (tav′ərn) ***n.*** [< L *taberna*] **1** a saloon; bar **2** an inn

taw·dry (tô′drē) ***adj.*** **-dri·er, -dri·est** [after *St. Audrey laces*, sold at St. Audrey's fair in Norwich, England] cheap and showy; gaudy

taw·ny (tô′nē) ***adj.*** **-ni·er, -ni·est** [< OFr *tanner*, to tan] brownish-yellow; tan —**taw′ni·ness** ***n.***

tax (taks) ***vt.*** [< L *taxare*, appraise] **1** to require to pay a tax **2** to assess a tax on (income, purchases, etc.) **3** to put a strain on **4** to accuse; charge —***n.*** **1** a compulsory payment of a percentage of income, property value, etc. for the support of a government **2** a heavy demand; burden —**tax′a·ble** ***adj.*** —**tax·a′tion** ***n.***

tax·i (tak′sē) ***n., pl.*** **-is** *short for* TAXICAB —***vi.*** **-ied, -i·ing** or **-y·ing** **1** to go in a taxicab **2** to move along the ground or on the water as after landing: said of an airplane

tax′i·cab′ ***n.*** [< *taxi*(*meter*) *cab*] an automobile in which passengers are carried for a fare

tax·i·der·my (tak′si dur′mē) ***n.*** [< Gr *taxis*, arrangement + *derma*, skin] the art of preparing, stuffing, etc. the skins of animals to make them appear lifelike —**tax′i·der′mist** ***n.***

tax·i·me·ter (tak′sē mēt′ər) ***n.*** [< Fr, ult. < ML *taxa*, tax + *-meter*, -METER] an automatic device in taxicabs that registers the fare due

tax·on·o·my (tak sän′ə mē) ***n., pl.*** **-mies** [< Gr *taxis*, arrangement + *nomos*, law] classification, esp. of animals and plants —**tax·on′o·mist** ***n.***

tax′pay′er ***n.*** one who pays a tax

tax shelter an investment made to reduce one's income tax

tax·us (tak′səs) ***n.*** [ModL] YEW (*n.* 1)

Tay·lor (tā′lər), **Zach·a·ry** (zak′ə rē) 1784-1850; U.S. general: 12th president of the U.S. (1849-50)

TB (tē′bē′) ***n.*** tuberculosis

TBA, t.b.a., or **tba** *abbrev.* to be announced

T-ball (tē′bôl′) ***n.*** a baseball game for young children in which the ball is placed on and struck from a tall TEE (*n.* 1)

T-bone steak (tē′bōn′) a beefsteak with a T-shaped bone, containing some tenderloin

tbs or **tbsp** *abbrev.* **1** tablespoon(s) **2** tablespoonful(s)

T cell any of the lymphocytes affected by the thymus, that regulate immunity, reject foreign tissue, etc.: cf. B CELL

Tchai·kov·sky (chī kôf′skē), **Peter** 1840-93; Russ. composer

TD *abbrev.* touchdown: sometimes **td**

tea (tē) ***n.*** [< Chin dial. *t'e*] **1** an evergreen plant grown in Asia **2** its dried leaves, used to make a beverage **3** the beverage made by soaking such leaves in boiling water **4** a tealike beverage made from other plants or from a meat extract **5** [Chiefly Brit.] a meal in the late afternoon at which tea is the drink **6** an afternoon party at which tea, etc. is served

tea·ber·ry (tē′ber′ē) ***n., pl.*** **-ries** **1** WINTERGREEN (sense 1) **2** the berry of the wintergreen

teach (tēch) ***vt.*** **taught, teach′ing** [OE *tæcan*] **1** to show or help (a person) to learn (*how*) to do something **2** to give lessons to (a student, etc.) **3** to give lessons in (a subject) **4** to provide with knowledge, insight, etc. —***vi.*** to give lessons or instruction —**teach′a·ble** ***adj.***

teach′er ***n.*** one who teaches, esp. as a profession

teach′ing ***n.*** **1** the profession of a teacher **2** something taught; precept, doctrine, etc.: *usually used in pl.*

tea′cup′ ***n.*** a cup for drinking tea, etc. —**tea′cup·ful′**, *pl.* **-fuls′**, ***n.***

teak (tēk) ***n.*** [< Malayalam *tēkka*] **1** a tall tree of SE Asia, with hard, yellowish-brown wood **2** its wood: also **teak′wood′**

tea′ket′tle ***n.*** a kettle with a spout, for boiling water to make tea, etc.

teal (tēl) ***n.*** [ME *tele*] **1** a small, short-necked, freshwater wild duck **2** a dark grayish or greenish blue: also **teal blue**

team (tēm) ***n.*** [OE, offspring] **1** two or more horses, oxen, etc. harnessed to the same plow, etc. **2** a group of people working or playing together —***vi.*** to join in cooperative activity: often with *up* —***adj.*** of or done by a team

team′mate′ ***n.*** one on the same team

team'ster (-stər) *n.* one whose work is hauling loads with a team or truck

team'work' *n.* joint action by a group of people

tea'pot' *n.* a pot with a spout and handle, for brewing and pouring tea

tear[1] (ter) *vt.* **tore, torn, tear'ing** ‖OE *teran,* rend‖ **1** to pull apart into pieces by force; rip **2** to make by tearing *[to tear* a hole*]* **3** to lacerate **4** to disrupt; split *[*ranks *torn* by dissensions*]* **5** to divide with doubt, etc. **6** to pull with force: with *up, out, away, off,* etc. —*vi.* **1** to be torn **2** to move with force or speed —*n.* **1** a tearing **2** a torn place; rent —**tear down 1** to wreck **2** to dismantle

tear[2] (tir) *n.* ‖OE *tēar*‖ a drop of the salty fluid which flows from the eye, as in weeping —**in tears** crying; weeping —**tear'ful** *adj.* —**tear'ful·ly** *adv.* —**tear'y, -i·er, -i·est,** *adj.*

tear·drop (tir'dräp') *n.* a tear

tear gas (tir) a liquid or gas that causes irritation of the eyes, used as by the police to disperse rioters —**tear'-gas', -gassed', -gas'sing,** *vt.*

tear·jerk·er (tir'jʉr'kər) *n.* [Slang] a sad, overly sentimental film, play, etc.

tea'room' *n.* a restaurant that serves tea, coffee, light lunches, etc.

tease (tēz) *vt.* **teased, teas'ing** ‖OE *tæsan*‖ **1** *a*) to card or comb (flax, wool, etc.) *b*) to fluff (the hair) by combing toward the scalp **2** to annoy by mocking, poking fun, etc. **3** to beg; importune **4** to tantalize —*vi.* to indulge in teasing —*n.* one who teases

tea·sel (tē'zəl) *n.* ‖see prec.‖ a bristly plant with prickly flowers

teas·er (tē'zər) *n.* **1** a person or thing that teases **2** a puzzling problem

tea'spoon' *n.* **1** a spoon for stirring tea, etc. **2** a spoon for measuring ⅓ tablespoon —**tea'spoon·ful',** *pl.* **-fuls',** *n.*

teat (tēt) *n.* ‖< OFr *tete*‖ the nipple on a breast or udder

tech *abbrev.* **1** technical(ly) **2** technology

tech·ie (tek'ē) *n.* [Inf.] an expert in computer technology

tech·ni·cal (tek'ni kəl) *adj.* ‖< Gr *technē,* an art‖ **1** dealing with the industrial or mechanical arts or the applied sciences **2** of a specific science, art, craft, etc. **3** of, in or showing technique **4** concerned with minute details —**tech'ni·cal·ly** *adv.*

tech'ni·cal'i·ty (-kal'ə tē) *n., pl.* **-ties 1** the state or quality of being technical **2** a technical point, detail, etc. **3** a minute point, detail, etc. brought to bear upon a main issue

tech·ni·cian (tek nish'ən) *n.* one skilled in the technique of some art, craft, or science

Tech·ni·col·or (tek'ni kul'ər) *trademark for* a process of making color movies —*n.* [t-] this process

tech·nique (tek nēk') *n.* ‖Fr‖ **1** the method of procedure in artistic work, scientific activity, etc. **2** the degree of expertness in following this

tech·noc·ra·cy (tek näk'rə sē) *n.* ‖< Gr *technē,* an art + -CRACY‖ government by scientists and engineers —**tech'no·crat'** (-nə krat') *n.*

tech·nol·o·gy (tek näl'ə jē) *n.* ‖Gr *technologia,* systematic treatment‖ **1** the science of the practical or industrial arts **2** applied science —**tech'no·log'i·cal** (-nə läj'i kəl) *adj.*

tech·no·phile (tek'nə fīl') *n.* one who is enthusiastic about advanced technology

tech'no·pho'bi·a *n.* dislike or fear of advanced technology —**tech'no·phobe'** *n.*

ted·dy bear (ted'ē) ‖after *Teddy* (Theodore) Roosevelt‖ a child's stuffed toy made to look like a bear cub

te·di·ous (tē'dē əs) *adj.* full of tedium; long and dull —**te'di·ous·ly** *adv.*

te'di·um (-əm) *n.* ‖< L *taedet,* it offends‖ the condition or quality of being tiresome, boring, etc.

tee (tē) *n.* ‖prob. < Scot dial. *teaz*‖ *Golf* **1** a small peg from which the ball is driven **2** the place from which a player makes the first stroke on each hole —*vt., vi.* **teed, tee'ing** to place (a ball) on a tee —**tee off 1** to play a golf ball from a tee **2** [Slang] to make angry or disgusted

teem (tēm) *vi.* ‖< OE *team,* progeny‖ to be prolific; abound; swarm

teen (tēn) *n.* ‖OE *tien,* ten‖ **1** [*pl.*] the years from 13 through 19, as of a person's age **2** TEENAGER

teen·age (tēn'āj') *adj.* **1** in one's teens **2** of or for people in their teens —**teen'ag'er** *n.*

tee·ny (tē'nē) *adj.* **-ni·er, -ni·est** *inf. var. of* TINY: also **teen·sy** (tēn'zē, -sē), **-si·er, -si·est**

tee·ny-wee·ny (tē'nē wē'nē) *adj.* [Inf.] tiny: also **teen·sy-ween·sy** (tēn'zē wēn'zē, tēn'sē wēn'sē)

tee·pee (tē'pē) *n. alt. sp. of* TEPEE

tee shirt *var. of* T-SHIRT

tee·ter (tēt'ər) *vi.* ‖< ON *titra,* to tremble‖ to totter, wobble, etc.

tee'ter-tot'ter (-tôt'ər, -tät'-) *n., vi.* SEESAW

teeth (tēth) *n. pl. of* TOOTH —**in the teeth of 1** directly against **2** defying

teethe (tēth) *vi.* **teethed, teeth'ing** to grow teeth; cut one's teeth

tee·to·tal·er or **tee·to·tal·ler** (tē tōt' 'lər) *n.* ‖< doubling of initial *t* in *total*‖ one who practices total abstinence from alcoholic liquor

te·fil·lin (tə fil'in) *n.* either of two small, leather cases holding Scripture texts, worn in prayer on the forehead and arm by orthodox Jewish men

Tef·lon (tef'län') *trademark for* a tough polymer, used for nonsticking coatings as for cookware —*n.* [t-] this substance

Teh·ran (te rän') capital of Iran: pop. 6,043,000: also **Te·he·ran'**

tek·tite (tek'tīt') *n.* ‖< Gr *tēktos,* molten‖ a small, dark, glassy body thought to have originated as a meteorite: also sp. **tec'tite'**

tel *abbrev.* **1** telegram **2** telephone

Tel A·viv (tel′ ə vēv′) seaport in W Israel: pop. 356,000

tele- *combining form* **1** ‖< Gr *tēle*, far off‖ at, over, etc. a distance *[telegraph]* **2** ‖< TELE(VISION)‖ of, in, or by television *[telecast]*

tel·e·cast (tel′ə kast′) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** **-cast′** or **-cast′ed**, **-cast′ing** to broadcast by television —***n.*** a television broadcast —**tel′e·cast′er** ***n.***

tel′e·com·mu′ni·ca′tion ***n.*** [*also pl., with sing. or pl. v.*] communication by electronic or electrical means, as through radio, TV, computers, etc.: also **tel′e·com′** (-käm′)

tel′e·com·mute′ ***vi.*** to do office work at home using a computer

tel′e·con′fer·ence ***n.*** a conference of persons in different locations, as by telephone, TV, etc.

tel′e·gram′ ***n.*** a message transmitted by telegraph

tel′e·graph′ ***n.*** ‖see TELE- & -GRAPH‖ an apparatus or system that transmits messages by electrical impulses sent by wire or radio —***vt.***, ***vi.*** to send (a message) to (a person) by telegraph —**tel′e·graph′ic** ***adj.***

te·leg·ra·phy (tə leg′rə fē) ***n.*** the operation of telegraph apparatus —**te·leg′ra·pher** ***n.***

tel·e·ki·ne·sis (tel′ə ki nē′sis) ***n.*** ‖see TELE- & KINETIC‖ *Parapsychology* the causing of an object to move by psychic, rather than physical, force

tel′e·mar′ket·ing ***n.*** the use of the telephone in selling, market research, promotion, etc. —**tel′e·mar′ket·er** ***n.***

tel·e·me·ter (tel′ə mēt′ər, tə lem′ət ər) ***n.*** a device for measuring and transmitting data about radiation, temperature, etc. from a remote point —**te·lem′e·try** ***n.***

te·lep·a·thy (tə lep′ə thē) ***n.*** ‖TELE- + -PATHY‖ *Parapsychology* extrasensory communication between minds —**tel·e·path·ic** (tel′ə path′ik) ***adj.***

tel·e·phone (tel′ə fōn′) ***n.*** ‖TELE- + -PHONE‖ an instrument or system for conveying speech or computerized information over distances, usually by converting sound into electrical impulses sent through a wire —***vt.***, ***vi.*** **-phoned′**, **-phon′ing** to convey (a message) to (a person) by telephone —**tel′e·phon′ic** (-fän′ik) ***adj.***

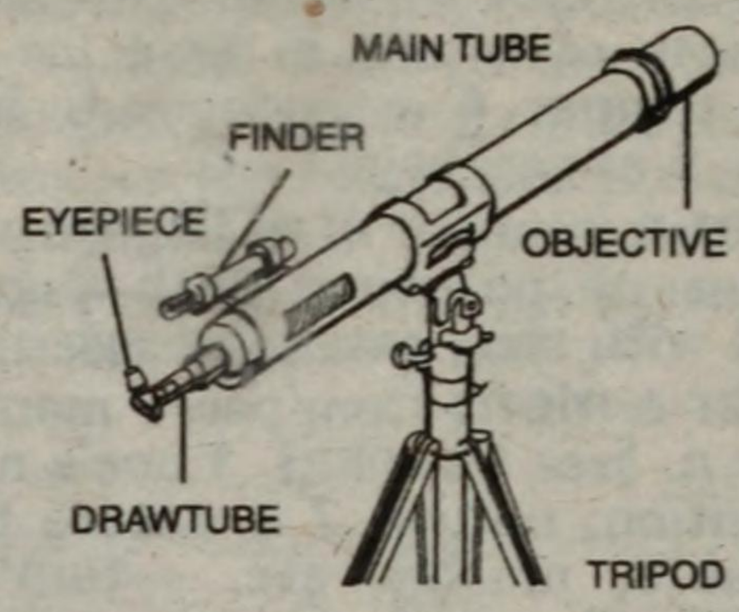
te·leph·o·ny (tə lef′ə nē) ***n.*** the making or operation of telephones

tel·e·pho·to (tel′ə fōt′ō) ***adj.*** designating or of a camera lens that produces a large image of a distant object

tel′e·proc′ess·ing ***n.*** computerized data processing, over communication lines

tel′e·promp′ter (-prämp′tər) ***n.*** ‖< *TelePrompTer*, a former trademark‖ an electronic device that unrolls a speech, script, etc. line by line, as an aid to a speaker, etc. on TV

tel·e·scope (tel′ə skōp′) ***n.*** ‖see TELE- & -SCOPE‖ an optical instrument for making distant objects appear nearer and larger —***vi.***, ***vt.*** **-scoped′**, **-scop′ing** to slide one into another like the tubes of a collapsible telescope —**tel′e·scop′ic** (-skäp′ik) ***adj.***



REFRACTING TELESCOPE

tel′e·thon′ (-thän′) ***n.*** ‖TELE(VISION) + (MARA)THON‖ a campaign, as on a lengthy telecast, seeking donations

Tel·e·type (tel′ə tīp′) ***n.*** *trademark for* a former kind of telegraphic apparatus for transmitting typed messages —**tel′e·type′writ′er** ***n.***

tel·e·vise (tel′ə vīz′) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** **-vised′**, **-vis′ing** to transmit by television

tel′e·vi′sion (-vizh′ən) ***n.*** **1** the process of transmitting images by converting light rays into electrical signals: the receiver reconverts the signals to reproduce the images on a screen **2** television broadcasting **3** a television receiving set **4** a television program or programs

tel·ex (tel′eks′) ***n.*** ‖TEL(ETYPEWRITER) + EX(CHANGE)‖ **1** a teletypewriter which sends messages over telephone lines **2** a message sent in this way —***vt.*** to send by telex

tell (tel) ***vt.*** **told**, **tell′ing** ‖OE *tellan*, calculate‖ **1** to count; reckon *[to tell* time*]* **2** to narrate; relate *[to tell* a story*]* **3** to express in words; say *[to tell* the truth*]* **4** to reveal; disclose **5** to recognize; distinguish *[to tell* twins apart*]* **6** to inform *[tell* me later*]* **7** to order *[tell* him to go*]* —***vi.*** **1** to give an account or evidence (*of* something) **2** to be effective *[each* blow *told]* —**tell off** [Inf.] to rebuke severely —**tell on** **1** to have an adverse effect on **2** [Inf.] to inform against

tell′er ***n.*** **1** one who tells (a story, etc.) **2** a bank clerk who pays out or receives money

tell′ing ***adj.*** **1** forceful; striking **2** that reveals much —**tell′ing·ly** ***adv.***

tell′tale′ ***adj.*** revealing what is meant to be kept secret or hidden

tel·ly (tel′ē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-lies** *Brit. inf. term for* TELEVISION

tem·blor (tem′blôr′, -blər) ***n.*** ‖Sp < *temblar*, to tremble‖ EARTHQUAKE

te·mer·i·ty (tə mer′ə tē) ***n.*** ‖< L *temere*, rashly‖ foolish or rash boldness

temp[1] (temp) ***n.*** [Inf.] one who works at a place on a temporary basis

temp[2] *abbrev.* **1** temperature **2** temporary

tem·per (tem′pər) ***vt.*** ‖< L *temperare*, regulate‖ **1** to moderate, as by mingling with something else *[to temper* blame with praise*]* **2** to bring to the proper condition by some treatment *[to temper* steel*]* **3** to toughen —***n.*** **1** the degree of hardness and resiliency of a

metal **2** frame of mind; disposition **3** calmness of mind: in **lose** (or **keep**) **one's temper** **4** a tendency to become angry **5** anger; rage

tem·per·a (tem′pər ə) ***n.*** ⟦It: see prec.⟧ a process of painting with pigments mixed with size, casein, or egg

tem·per·a·ment (tem′pər ə mənt, -prə mənt) ***n.*** ⟦see TEMPER⟧ **1** one's natural disposition; nature **2** a nature that is excitable, moody, etc. —**tem′per·a·men′tal** ***adj.***

tem·per·ance (tem′pər əns, -prəns) ***n.*** **1** self-restraint in conduct, indulgence of the appetites, etc.; moderation **2** moderation in drinking alcoholic liquors or total abstinence from them

tem·per·ate (tem′pər it, -prit) ***adj.*** ⟦see TEMPER⟧ **1** moderate, as in one's appetites, behavior, etc. **2** neither very hot nor very cold: said of climate, etc.

Temperate Zone either of the two zones of the earth (**North Temperate Zone** and **South Temperate Zone**) between the tropics and the polar circles

tem·per·a·ture (tem′pər ə chər, -prə chər) ***n.*** ⟦< L *temperatus,* temperate⟧ **1** the degree of hotness or coldness of anything **2** an excess of body heat over the normal; fever

tem·pered (tem′pərd) ***adj.*** **1** having been given the desired TEMPER (*n.* 1) **2** having a (specified) TEMPER (*n.* 2)

tem·pest (tem′pist) ***n.*** ⟦< L *tempus,* time⟧ a violent storm with high winds, esp. one accompanied by rain, hail, etc.

tem·pes·tu·ous (tem pes′chōō əs) ***adj.*** of or like a tempest; violent

tem·plate (tem′plit) ***n.*** ⟦< L *templum,* small timber⟧ a pattern, as a thin metal plate, for making an exact copy

tem·ple[1] (tem′pəl) ***n.*** ⟦< L *templum*⟧ **1** a building for the worship of God or gods **2** a large building for some special purpose *[*a *temple* of art*]*

tem·ple[2] (tem′pəl) ***n.*** ⟦< L *tempus*⟧ **1** the flat surface alongside the forehead, in front of each ear **2** either of the sidepieces of a pair of glasses

tem·po (tem′pō) ***n.***, *pl.* **-pos** or **-pi** (-pē) ⟦It < L *tempus,* time⟧ **1** the speed at which a musical composition is performed **2** rate of activity

tem·po·ral[1] (tem′pə rəl) ***adj.*** ⟦< L *tempus,* time⟧ **1** worldly; not spiritual **2** secular **3** of or limited by time

tem·po·ral[2] (tem′pə rəl) ***adj.*** of or near the temples (of the head)

tem′po·rar′y (-rer′ē) ***adj.*** ⟦< L *tempus,* time⟧ lasting only a while; not permanent —**tem′po·rar′i·ly** ***adv.***

tem′po·rize′ (-rīz′) ***vi.*** **-rized′**, **-riz′ing** to give temporary compliance, evade decision, etc., so as to gain time or avoid argument

tempt (tempt) ***vt.*** ⟦< L *temptare,* to test⟧ **1** to induce or entice, as to something immoral **2** to be inviting to; attract **3** to provoke or risk provoking (fate, etc.) **4** to incline strongly *[*to be *tempted* to accept*]* —**temp·ta·tion** (temp tā′shən) ***n.***

tempt·ress (temp′tris) ***n.*** a woman who tempts, esp. sexually

tem·pu·ra (tem′pōo rä′, tem pōor′ə) ***n.*** ⟦Jpn⟧ a Japanese dish of deep-fried shrimp, fish, vegetables, etc.

ten (ten) ***adj.***, ***n.*** ⟦OE⟧ one more than nine; 10; X

ten·a·ble (ten′ə bəl) ***adj.*** ⟦< L *tenere,* to hold⟧ that can be defended or believed —**ten′a·bil′i·ty** ***n.***

te·na·cious (tə nā′shəs) ***adj.*** ⟦< L *tenere,* to hold⟧ **1** holding firmly *[*a *tenacious* grip*]* **2** retentive *[*a *tenacious* memory*]* **3** strongly cohesive or adhesive **4** persistent; stubborn *[tenacious* courage*]* —**te·na′cious·ly** ***adv.*** —**te·nac·i·ty** (tə nas′ə tē) ***n.***

ten·ant (ten′ənt) ***n.*** ⟦see prec.⟧ **1** one who pays rent to occupy land, a building, etc. **2** an occupant —***vt.*** to hold as a tenant; occupy —**ten′an·cy**, *pl.* **-cies**, ***n.***

tenant farmer one who farms land owned by another and pays rent

Ten Commandments *Bible* the ten laws of moral and religious conduct given to Moses by God: Exodus 20:2-17

tend[1] (tend) ***vt.*** ⟦see ATTEND⟧ **1** to take care of **2** to manage or operate

tend[2] (tend) ***vi.*** ⟦< L *tendere,* to stretch⟧ **1** to be inclined, disposed, etc. (*to*) **2** to be directed (*to* or *toward*)

tend·en·cy (ten′dən sē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-cies** ⟦see prec.⟧ **1** an inclination to move or act in a particular direction or way **2** a course toward some object

ten·den·tious (ten den′shəs) ***adj.*** ⟦< Ger *tendenz,* TENDENCY⟧ advancing a definite point of view *[tendentious* writings*]* —**ten·den′tious·ly** ***adv.***

ten·der[1] (ten′dər) ***adj.*** ⟦< L *tener,* soft⟧ **1** soft and easily chewed, broken, cut, etc. **2** physically weak **3** immature **4** that requires careful handling **5** gentle or light **6** acutely sensitive, as to pain **7** sensitive to emotions, others' feelings, etc. —**ten′der·ly** ***adv.*** —**ten′der·ness** ***n.***

ten·der[2] (ten′dər) ***vt.*** ⟦see TEND[2]⟧ to offer formally —***n.*** **1** a formal offer **2** money, etc. offered in payment

tend·er[3] (ten′dər) ***n.*** **1** one who tends something **2** a small ship for supplying a larger one **3** a railroad car attached behind, and carrying fuel and water for, a steam locomotive

ten′der·foot′ ***n.***, *pl.* **-foots′** or **-feet′** **1** a newcomer to ranching in the West, unused to hardships **2** any novice

ten′der·heart′ed ***adj.*** quick to feel pity or compassion

ten·der·ize (ten′dər īz′) ***vt.*** **-ized′**, **-iz′ing** to make (meat) tender

ten′der·loin′ ***n.*** the tenderest part of a loin of beef, pork, etc.

ten·di·ni·tis (ten′də nīt′is) ***n.*** inflammation of a tendon

ten·don (ten′dən) ***n.*** ⟦< Gr *teinein,* to stretch⟧ any of the inelastic cords of tough, connective tissue by which muscles are attached to bones, etc.

ten·dril (ten′drəl) ***n.*** ⟦prob. ult. < L *tener,* delicate⟧ a threadlike, clinging part of a climbing plant

ten·e·ment (ten′ə mənt) ***n.*** ⟦< L *tenere,* to hold⟧ a building divided into tene-

ments; now specif., one that is run-down, overcrowded, etc.: in full **tenement house**

ten·et (ten′it) ***n.*** ‖L, he holds‖ a principle, doctrine, or belief held as a truth, as by some group

Ten·nes·see (ten′ə sē′) state of the EC U.S.: 41,220 sq. mi.; pop. 4,877,000; cap. Nashville: abbrev. *TN* —**Ten′nes·se′an** ***adj.***, ***n.***

ten·nis (ten′is) ***n.*** ‖prob. < OFr *tener*, hold (imperative)‖ a game in which players in a marked area (**tennis court**) hit a ball back and forth with rackets over a net

tennis elbow inflammation of the elbow tendons, caused by strain

tennis shoe a sneaker

Ten·ny·son (ten′i sən), **Al·fred** (al′frəd) 1809-92; Eng. poet: called *Alfred, Lord Tennyson*

ten·on (ten′ən) ***n.*** ‖ult. < L *tenere*, to hold‖ a projecting part cut on the end of a piece of wood for insertion into a mortise to make a joint

ten·or (ten′ər) ***n.*** ‖< L *tenere*, to hold‖ **1** general tendency **2** general meaning; drift **3** *a*) the range of the highest regular adult male voice *b*) a voice, singer, or instrument with such a range *c*) a part for a tenor —***adj.*** of or for a tenor

ten′pins′ ***n.*** the game of bowling in which ten pins are used

tense[1] (tens) ***adj.*** **tens′er, tens′est** ‖< L *tendere*, to stretch‖ **1** stretched tight; taut **2** feeling or showing tension —***vt.***, ***vi.*** **tensed, tens′ing** to make or become tense

tense[2] (tens) ***n.*** ‖< L *tempus*, time‖ any of the forms of a verb that show the time of its action or existence

ten·sile (ten′səl) ***adj.*** **1** of, undergoing, or exerting tension **2** capable of being stretched

ten·sion (ten′shən) ***n.*** **1** a tensing or being tensed **2** mental or nervous strain **3** a state of strained relations due to mutual hostility **4** VOLTAGE **5** stress on a material produced by the pull of forces causing extension

tent (tent) ***n.*** ‖< L *tendere*, to stretch‖ a portable shelter made of canvas, etc. stretched over poles —***vi.***, ***vt.*** to lodge in a tent or tents

ten·ta·cle (ten′tə kəl) ***n.*** ‖< L *tentare*, to touch‖ a long, slender, flexible growth on the head of some invertebrates, used to grasp, feel, etc.

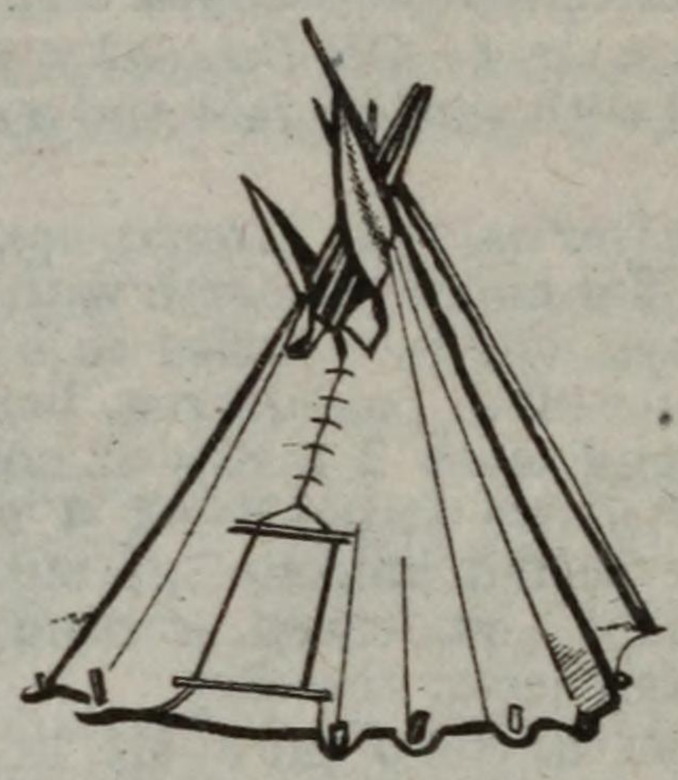
ten·ta·tive (ten′tə tiv) ***adj.*** ‖< L *tentare*, to try‖ **1** made, done, etc. provisionally; not final **2** indicating timidity or uncertainty —**ten′ta·tive·ly** ***adv.***

ten·ter·hook (ten′tər hŏŏk′) ***n.*** ‖< L *tendere*, to stretch + HOOK‖ a kind of hooked nail —**on tenterhooks** in anxious suspense

tenth (tenth) ***adj.*** ‖OE *teogotha*‖ preceded by nine others in a series; 10th —***n.*** **1** the one following the ninth **2** any of the ten equal parts of something; $\frac{1}{10}$

ten·u·ous (ten′yo͞o əs) ***adj.*** ‖< L *tenuis*, thin‖ **1** slender or fine, as a fiber **2** rare, as air at high altitudes **3** flimsy *[tenuous* evidence*]*

ten·ure (ten′yər) ***n.*** ‖< medieval Fr < *tenir*, to hold‖ **1** the act or right of holding property, an office, etc. **2** the length of time, or the conditions under which, something is held **3** the status of holding one's position on a permanent basis, granted to teachers, etc.



TEPEE

te·pee (tē′pē) ***n.*** ‖< AmInd *tʰípi*, dwelling‖ a cone-shaped tent used by some North American Indians

tep·id (tep′id) ***adj.*** ‖< L *tepidus*‖ **1** lukewarm **2** lacking enthusiasm

te·qui·la (tə kē′lə) ***n.*** ‖< AmInd (Mexico) *Tuiquila*, region in Mexico‖ an alcoholic liquor of Mexico, distilled from an agave mash

ter·cen·te·nar·y (tur′sen ten′ər ē, tər sen′tə ner′ē) ***adj.***, ***n.***; *pl.* **-ies** ‖L *ter*, three times + CENTENARY‖ TRICENTENNIAL

term (turm) ***n.*** ‖< L *terminus*, a limit‖ **1** a set date, as for payment, etc. **2** a set period of time *[*school *term*, *term* of office*]* **3** [*pl.*] conditions of a contract, etc. **4** [*pl.*] mutual relationship between persons *[*on speaking *terms]* **5** a word or phrase, esp. as used in some science, art, etc. **6** [*pl.*] words; speech *[*unkind *terms]* **7** *Math. a*) either quantity of a fraction or a ratio *b*) each quantity in a series or algebraic expression —***vt.*** to call by a term; name —**bring** (or **come**) **to terms** to force into (or arrive at) an agreement

ter·mi·na·ble (tur′mi nə bəl) ***adj.*** that can be, or is, terminated

ter·mi·nal (tur′mə nəl) ***adj.*** ‖L *terminalis*‖ **1** of, at, or forming the end or extremity **2** concluding; final **3** close to causing death *[terminal* cancer*]* **4** of or at the end of a transportation line —***n.*** **1** an end; extremity **2** a connective point on an electric circuit **3** either end of a transportation line, or a main station on it **4** a device, usually with a keyboard and video display, for putting data in, or getting it from, a computer

ter·mi·nate (tur′mə nāt′) ***vt.*** **-nat′ed, -nat′ing** ‖< L *terminus*, a limit‖ **1** to form the end of **2** to put an end to; stop **3** to dismiss from employment; fire —***vi.*** **1** to come to an end **2** to have its end (*in* something) —**ter′mi·na′tion** ***n.***

ter·mi·nol·o·gy (tur′mə näl′ə jē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-gies** the terms used in a specific science, art, etc.

term insurance life insurance that

expires after a specified period

ter·mi·nus (tur′mə nəs) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ni′** (-nī′) or **-nus·es** ⟦L, a limit⟧ **1** a limit **2** an end; extremity or goal **3** [Chiefly Brit.] either end of a transportation line

ter·mite (tur′mīt′) ***n.*** ⟦< L *tarmes*, wood-boring worm⟧ a social insect that is very destructive to wooden structures

tern (turn) ***n.*** ⟦< ON *therna*⟧ a gull-like seabird with webbed feet and a straight bill

ter·race (ter′əs) ***n.*** ⟦< L *terra*, earth⟧ **1** a raised, flat mound of earth with sloping sides, esp. one in a series on a hillside **2** an unroofed, paved area, between a house and lawn **3** a row of houses on ground above street level **4** a small, usually roofed balcony, as outside an apartment —***vt.*** **-raced**, **-rac·ing** to form into a terrace or terraces

ter·ra cot·ta (ter′ə kät′ə) ⟦It, lit., baked earth⟧ a hard, brown-red earthenware, or its color

ter·ra fir·ma (ter′ə fur′mə) ⟦L⟧ firm earth

ter·rain (tə rān′) ***n.*** ⟦< L *terra*, earth⟧ a tract of ground, as with regard to its features

ter·ra·pin (ter′ə pin) ***n.*** ⟦< Algonquian⟧ **1** any of various terrestrial, freshwater or tidewater turtles **2** its edible flesh

ter·rar·i·um (tə rer′ē əm) ***n.***, *pl.* **-i·ums** or **-i·a** (-ə) ⟦< L *terra*, earth + *-arium*, as in *aquarium*⟧ an enclosure, as of glass, in which small plants are grown or small land animals are kept

ter·raz·zo (tə raz′ō, tə rät′sō) ***n.*** ⟦It⟧ flooring of small chips of marble set in cement and polished

ter·res·tri·al (tə res′trē əl) ***adj.*** ⟦< L *terra*, earth⟧ **1** worldly; mundane **2** of the earth **3** consisting of land, not water **4** living on land

ter·ri·ble (ter′ə bəl) ***adj.*** ⟦< L *terrere*, frighten⟧ **1** causing terror; dreadful **2** extreme; intense **3** [Inf.] very unpleasant, etc. —**ter′ri·bly** ***adv.***

ter·ri·er (ter′ē ər) ***n.*** ⟦< medieval Fr (*chien*) *terrier*, hunting (dog)⟧ any of several breeds of small and typically aggressive dog

ter·rif·ic (tə rif′ik) ***adj.*** ⟦< L *terrere*, frighten⟧ **1** causing great fear **2** [Inf.] *a*) very great, intense, etc. *b*) unusually fine, admirable, etc.

ter·ri·fy (ter′ə fī′) ***vt.*** **-fied′**, **-fy′ing** to fill with terror; frighten greatly

ter·ri·to·ry (ter′ə tôr′ē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ries** ⟦< L *terra*, earth⟧ **1** an area under the jurisdiction of a nation, ruler, etc. **2** a part of a country or empire that does not have full status **3** any large tract of land **4** an assigned area **5** a sphere of action, thought, etc. —**ter′ri·to′ri·al** ***adj.***

ter·ror (ter′ər) ***n.*** ⟦< L *terrere*, frighten⟧ **1** intense fear **2** *a*) one that causes intense fear *b*) the quality of causing such fear **3** [Inf.] one who is very annoying or unmanageable, esp. a child

ter′ror·ism′ ***n.*** the use of force or threats to intimidate, etc., esp. as a political policy —**ter′ror·ist** ***n.***, ***adj.***

ter′ror·ize′ (-īz′) ***vt.*** **-ized′**, **-iz′ing** **1** to terrify **2** to coerce, make submit, etc. by filling with terror

ter·ry (ter′ē) ***n.*** ⟦prob. < Fr *tirer*, to draw⟧ cloth having a pile of uncut loops, esp. cotton cloth used for toweling: also **terry cloth**

terse (turs) ***adj.*** **ters′er**, **ters′est** ⟦L *tersus*, wiped off⟧ free of superfluous words; concise; succinct —**terse′ly** ***adv.*** —**terse′ness** ***n.***

ter·ti·ar·y (tur′shē er′ē) ***adj.*** ⟦< L *tertius*, third⟧ third in order

tes·sel·late (tes′ə lāt′) ***vt.*** **-lat′ed**, **-lat′ing** ⟦< L *tessella*, little square stone⟧ to lay out in a mosaic pattern of small, square blocks

test (test) ***n.*** ⟦< OFr, assaying cup⟧ **1** *a*) an examination or trial, as of something's value *b*) the method or a criterion used in this **2** an event, etc. that tries one's qualities **3** a set of questions, etc. for determining one's knowledge, etc. **4** *Chem.* a trial or reaction for identifying a substance —***vt.*** to subject to a test; try —***vi.*** to be rated by a test

tes·ta·ment (tes′tə mənt) ***n.*** ⟦< L *testis*, a witness⟧ **1** [**T-**] either of the two parts of the Bible, the *Old Testament* and the *New Testament* **2** *a*) a testimonial *b*) an affirmation of beliefs **3** *Law* a will —**tes′ta·men′ta·ry** (-men′tə rē) ***adj.***

tes·tate (tes′tāt′) ***adj.*** ⟦< L *testari*, make a will⟧ having left a legally valid will

tes·ta·tor (tes′tāt′ər, tes tāt′-) ***n.*** one who has made a will

tes·ti·cle (tes′ti kəl) ***n.*** ⟦< L *testis*⟧ either of two male sex glands

tes·ti·fy (tes′tə fī′) ***vi.*** **-fied′**, **-fy′ing** ⟦< L *testis*, a witness + *facere*, to make⟧ **1** to give evidence, esp. under oath in court **2** to serve as evidence —***vt.*** to affirm; declare, esp. under oath in court

tes·ti·mo·ni·al (tes′tə mō′nē əl) ***n.*** **1** a statement recommending a person or thing **2** something given or done to show gratitude or appreciation

tes·ti·mo·ny (tes′tə mō′nē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-nies** ⟦< L *testis*, a witness⟧ **1** a statement made under oath to establish a fact **2** any declaration **3** any form of evidence; proof

tes·tis (tes′tis) ***n.***, *pl.* **-tes′** (-tēz′) ⟦L⟧ TESTICLE

tes·tos·ter·one (tes täs′tər ōn′) ***n.*** ⟦see TESTICLE⟧ a male sex hormone

test tube a tube of thin, transparent glass closed at one end, used in chemical experiments, etc.

tes·ty (tes′tē) ***adj.*** **-ti·er**, **-ti·est** ⟦< L *testa*, the head⟧ irritable; touchy

tet·a·nus (tet′′n əs, tet′nəs) ***n.*** ⟦< Gr *tetanos*, spasm⟧ an acute infectious disease, often fatal, caused by a toxin and characterized by spasmodic contractions and rigidity of muscles

tête-à-tête (tāt′ə tāt′) ***n.*** ⟦Fr, lit., head-to-head⟧ a private conversation between two people

teth·er (teth′ər) ***n.*** ⟦< ON *tjōthr*⟧ **1** a rope or chain fastened to an animal to keep it from roaming **2** the limit of one's abilities, resources, etc. —***vt.*** to fasten with a tether

tet·ra (te′trə) ***n.*** [< ModL] a brightly colored, tropical American fish

tetra- [Gr < *tettares*, four] *combining form* four

tet·ra·cy·cline (te′trə sī′klin) ***n.*** a yellow, crystalline compound, used as an antibiotic

tet·ra·he·dron (te′trə hē′drən) ***n.***, *pl.* **-drons** or **-dra** (-drə) [see TETRA- & -HEDRON] a solid figure with four triangular faces

te·tram·e·ter (te tram′ət ər) ***n.*** [see TETRA- & METER[1]] **1** a line of verse containing four metrical feet **2** verse consisting of tetrameters

Teu·ton·ic (to͞o tän′ik) ***adj.*** designating or of a group of N European peoples, esp. the Germans —**Teu·ton** (to͞ot′′n) ***n.***

Tex·as (tek′səs) state of the SW U.S.: 261,914 sq. mi.; pop. 16,987,000; cap. Austin: abbrev. *TX* —**Tex′an** ***adj.***, ***n.***

text (tekst) ***n.*** [< L *texere*, to weave] **1** the actual words of an author, as distinguished from notes, etc. **2** any form in which a written work exists **3** the principal matter on a printed page, as distinguished from notes, headings, etc. **4** *a*) a Biblical passage used as the topic of a sermon, etc. *b*) any topic or subject **5** *short for* TEXTBOOK —**tex·tu·al** (teks′ cho͞o əl) ***adj.***

text′book′ ***n.*** a book giving instructions in a subject of study —***adj.*** so typical as to be a classic example or model of its kind

tex·tile (teks′tīl′, -təl) ***adj.*** [see TEXT] **1** having to do with weaving **2** that has been or can be woven —***n.*** **1** a woven or knitted fabric; cloth **2** raw material suitable for this

tex·ture (teks′chər) ***n.*** [< L *texere*, to weave] **1** the character of a fabric, determined by the arrangement, size, etc. of its threads **2** the arrangement of the constituent parts of anything —**tex′tur·al** ***adj.***

tex′tured ***adj.*** having an uneven surface; not smooth *[textured* wallpaper*]*

-th[1] [OE] *suffix* **1** the act of ___ing *[growth]* **2** the state or quality of being or having *[wealth]*

-th[2] [< OE] *suffix* forming ordinal numerals *[fourth, ninth]*

Th *Chem. symbol for* thorium

Thai (tī) ***n.*** **1** *pl.* **Thais** or **Thai** a person born or living in Thailand **2** the language of Thailand **3** *alt. sp. of* TAI — ***adj.*** of Thailand or its people, culture, etc.

Thai·land (tī′land′) country in SE Asia: 198,114 sq. mi.; pop. 54,532,000

thal·a·mus (thal′ə məs) ***n.***, *pl.* **-mi′** (-mī′) [< Gr *thalamos*, inner chamber] a mass of gray matter at the base of the brain, involved in the transmission of certain sensations

thal·lo·phyte (thal′ə fīt′) ***n.*** [< Gr *thallos*, young shoot + *phyton*, a plant] any of a large group of plants lacking true roots, leaves, or stems, as the fungi, the lichens, and most algae

Thames (temz) river in S England, flowing through London into the North Sea

than (*th*an) ***conj.*** [OE *thenne*] introducing the second element in a comparison *[*A is taller *than* B*]*

thank (thaŋk) ***vt.*** [OE *thancian*] **1** to express gratitude to, as by saying "thank you" **2** to blame: an ironic use —**thank you** *short for* I thank you

thank′ful ***adj.*** feeling or expressing thanks —**thank′ful·ly** ***adv.***

thank′less ***adj.*** **1** not feeling or expressing thanks; ungrateful **2** unappreciated

thanks (thaŋks) ***pl.n.*** an expression of gratitude —***interj.*** I thank you —**thanks to** **1** let thanks be given to **2** on account of; because of

thanks′giv′ing ***n.*** **1** a formal public expression of thanks to God **2** [**T-**] an annual U.S. holiday observed on the fourth Thursday of November

that (*th*at) ***pron.***, *pl.* **those** [OE *thæt*] **1** the person or thing mentioned *[that* is John*]* **2** the farther one or the other one *[*this is better than *that]* **3** who, whom, or which *[*the road *that* we took*]* **4** where *[*the place *that* I saw her*]* **5** when *[*the year *that* I was born*]* —***adj.***, *pl.* **those** **1** designating the one mentioned *[that* man is John*]* **2** designating the farther one or the other one *[*this house is larger than *that* one*]* —***conj.*** subordinating conjunction used to introduce: *a*) a noun clause *[that* she's gone is obvious*]* *b*) an adverbial clause expressing purpose *[*they died *that* we might live*]*, result *[*I ran so fast *that* I won*]*, or cause *[*I'm glad *that* I won*]* *c*) an elliptical sentence expressing surprise, desire, etc. *[*oh, *that* she were here!*]* —***adv.*** to that extent *[*I can't see *that* far*]* —**at that** [Inf.] **1** at that point: also **with that** **2** even so —**that is** **1** to be specific **2** in other words

thatch (thach) ***n.*** [OE *thæc*] **1** a roof of straw, rushes, etc. **2** material for such a roof: also **thatch′ing** **3** a layer of tangled, partly decayed leaves, stems, etc. lying on top of the soil —***vt.*** to cover as with thatch

thaw (thô) ***vi.*** [OE *thawian*] **1** *a*) to melt (said of ice, snow, etc.) *b*) to pass to an unfrozen state (said of frozen foods) **2** to become warmer so that snow, etc. melts **3** to lose one's coldness of manner —***vt.*** to cause to thaw —***n.*** **1** a thawing **2** a spell of weather warm enough to allow thawing

THC ***n.*** [*t*(*etra*)*h*(*ydro*)*c*(*annabinol*)] the principal and most active chemical in marijuana

ThD or **Th.D.** *abbrev.* [L *Theologiae Doctor*] Doctor of Theology

the (*th*ə; *before vowels th*ē, *th*i) ***adj.***, ***definite article*** [< OE *se* with *th-* from other forms] *the* (as opposed to *a, an*) refers to: **1** a particular person, thing, or group *[the* story ended; *the* President*]* **2** a person or thing considered generically *[the* cow is a domestic animal; *the* poor*]* —***adv.*** **1** that much *[the* better to see you with*]* **2** by how much . . . by that much *[the* sooner *the* better*]*

the·a·ter or **the·a·tre** (thē′ə tər) ***n.*** [< Gr *theasthai*, to view] **1** a place, esp. a building, where plays, operas, films,

etc. are presented **2** any similar place with banked rows of seats **3** any place where events occur **4** *a*) the dramatic art *b*) the theatrical world

the·at·ri·cal (thē a′tri kəl) ***adj.*** **1** having to do with the theater **2** dramatic; esp. (in disparagement), melodramatic —**the·at′ri·cal·ly** ***adv.***

thee (*th*ē) ***pron.*** [OE *the*] [Archaic] *objective form of* THOU

theft (theft) ***n.*** [OE *thiefth*] the act or an instance of stealing; larceny

their (*th*er) ***poss. pronominal adj.*** [< ON *theirra*] of, belonging to, or done by them

theirs (*th*erz) ***pron.*** that or those belonging to them: poss. form of THEY *[that book is theirs; theirs are better]*

the·ism (thē′iz′əm) ***n.*** [< Gr *theos,* god] **1** belief in a god or gods **2** MONOTHEISM —**the′ist** ***n., adj.*** —**the·is′tic** ***adj.***

them (*th*em) ***pron.*** [< ON *theim*] *objective form of* THEY

theme (thēm) ***n.*** [< Gr *thema,* what is laid down] **1** a topic, as of an essay **2** a short essay **3** a short melody used as the subject of a musical composition **4** a recurring or identifying song in a film, musical, radio or TV series, etc.: in full **theme song** —**the·mat·ic** (thē mat′ik) ***adj.***

them·selves (*th*em selvz′) ***pron.*** a form of THEY, used as an intensive *[they went themselves]*, as a reflexive *[they hurt themselves]*, or with the meaning "their true selves" *[they are not themselves when they are sick]*

then (*th*en) ***adv.*** [see THAN] **1** at that time *[he was young then]* **2** next in time or order *[he took his hat and then left]* **3** in that case; accordingly *[if she read it, then she knows]* **4** besides; moreover *[he likes to walk, and then it's good exercise]* **5** at another time *[now it's warm, then freezing]* —***adj.*** being such at that time *[the then director]* —***n.*** that time *[by then, they were gone]*

thence (*th*ens) ***adv.*** [OE *thanan*] **1** from that place **2** from that time; thenceforth

thence′forth′ ***adv.*** from that time onward; thereafter: also **thence·for′ward**

the·oc·ra·cy (thē äk′rə sē) ***n., pl.*** **-cies** [< Gr *theos,* god + *kratos,* rule, power] **1** government by a person or persons claiming divine authority **2** a country with this form of government

the·o·lo·gi·an (thē′ə lō′jən) ***n.*** a student of or specialist in theology

the·ol·o·gy (thē äl′ə jē) ***n.*** [< Gr *theos,* god + *logos,* word] the study of God and of religious doctrines and matters of divinity —**the′o·log′i·cal** (-ə läj′i kəl) ***adj.***

the·o·rem (thē′ə rəm, thir′əm) ***n.*** [< Gr *theōrein,* to view] **1** a proposition that can be proved from accepted premises; law or principle **2** *Math., Physics* a proposition embodying something to be proved

the·o·ret·i·cal (thē′ə ret′i kəl) ***adj.*** **1** limited to or based on theory; hypothetical **2** tending to theorize; speculative Also **the′o·ret′ic** —**the′o·ret′i·cal·ly** ***adv.***

the·o·rize (thē′ə rīz′) ***vi.*** **-rized′, -riz′ing** to form a theory or theories; speculate —**the′o·re·ti′cian** (-rə tish′ən) or **the′o·rist** (-rist) ***n.***

the·o·ry (thē′ə rē, thir′ē) ***n., pl.*** **-ries** [< Gr *theōrein,* to view] **1** a speculative plan **2** a formulation of underlying principles of certain observed phenomena that has been verified to some degree **3** the principles of an art or science, rather than its practice **4** a conjecture or guess

the·os·o·phy (thē äs′ə fē) ***n.*** [< Gr *theos,* god + *sophia,* wisdom] [*also* **T-**] an eclectic set of occult beliefs, held to be based on mystical insight —**the′o·soph′ic** (-ə säf′ik) or **the′o·soph′i·cal** ***adj.*** —**the·os′o·phist** ***n.***

ther·a·peu·tic (ther′ə pyo͞ot′ik) ***adj.*** [< Gr *therapeuein,* to nurse] serving to cure or heal or to preserve health

ther′a·peu′tics ***n.*** the branch of medicine that deals with the treatment of diseases; therapy

ther′a·py (-pē) ***n., pl.*** **-pies** [see THERAPEUTIC] **1** the treatment of any physical or mental disorder by medical or physical means, usually excluding surgery **2** *short for* PSYCHOTHERAPY —**ther′a·pist** ***n.***

there (*th*er) ***adv.*** [OE *ther*] **1** at, in, or to that place **2** at that point; then *[there I paused]* **3** in that respect *[there you are wrong]* *There* is also used in impersonal constructions in which the real subject follows the verb *[there is little time]* —***n.*** that place —***interj.*** used to express defiance, satisfaction, sympathy, etc. —(**not**) **all there** [Inf.] (not) mentally sound

there′a·bouts′ (-ə bouts′) ***adv.*** **1** near that place **2** near that time, number, degree, etc. Also **there′a·bout′**

there·af′ter ***adv.*** from then on

there·at′ ***adv.*** **1** at that place; there **2** at that time **3** for that reason

there·by′ ***adv.*** **1** by that means **2** connected with that

there·for′ ***adv.*** for this; for that; for it

there′fore′ (-fôr′) ***adv.*** for this or that reason; hence

there·in′ ***adv.*** **1** in or into that place **2** in that matter, detail, etc.

there·of′ ***adv.*** **1** of that **2** from that as a cause, reason, etc.

there·on′ ***adv.*** **1** on that or it **2** THEREUPON

there·to′ ***adv.*** to that place, thing, etc.: also **there·un·to** (*th*er un′to͞o, *th*er′un to͞o′)

there′to·fore′ ***adv.*** until that time

there′up·on′ ***adv.*** **1** immediately following that **2** as a consequence of that **3** on that subject, etc.

there·with′ ***adv.*** **1** along with that **2** immediately thereafter

ther·mal (thur′məl) ***adj.*** [< Gr *thermē,* heat] **1** having to do with heat **2** designating a loosely knitted material with air spaces for insulation —***n.*** *Meteorol.* a rising column of warm air

thermal pollution the harmful discharge of heated liquid or air into lakes, rivers, etc.

thermo- [< Gr *thermē,* heat] *combining form* heat

ther·mo·dy·nam·ics (thur′mō dī nam′iks) ***n.*** the branch of physics dealing with the transformation of heat to and from other forms of energy —**ther′mo·dy·nam′ic** ***adj.***

ther·mom·e·ter (thər mäm′ət ər) ***n.*** [see THERMO- & -METER] an instrument for measuring temperatures, as a graduated glass tube in which mercury, etc. rises or falls as it expands or contracts with changes in temperature

ther·mo·nu·cle·ar (thur′mō no͞o′klē ər) ***adj. Physics*** **1** designating a reaction in which isotopes of a light element fuse, at extremely high heat, into heavier nuclei **2** of or using the heat energy released in nuclear fusion

ther·mo·plas·tic (thur′mə plas′tik) ***adj.*** soft and moldable when subjected to heat: said of certain plastics —***n.*** a thermoplastic substance

Ther·mos (thur′məs) [< Gr *thermos,* hot] *trademark for* a vacuum-insulated container for keeping liquids at almost their original temperature —***n.*** [*usually* **t-**] such a container

ther·mo·stat (thur′mə stat′) ***n.*** [THERMO- + -STAT] an apparatus for regulating temperature, esp. one that automatically controls a heating or cooling unit

the·sau·rus (thi sô′rəs) ***n.,*** *pl.* **-ri′** (-rī′) or **-rus·es** [< Gr *thēsauros,* a treasure] a book of synonyms and antonyms

these (*th*ēz) ***pron., adj.*** *pl. of* THIS

The·seus (thē′so͞os′, thē′sē əs) ***n.*** *Gr. Legend* the king of Athens who kills the Minotaur

the·sis (thē′sis) ***n.,*** *pl.* **-ses′** (-sēz′) [< Gr *tithenai,* to put] **1** a proposition to be defended in argument **2** a long research paper, esp. one written by a candidate for a master's degree

Thes·pi·an (thes′pē ən) ***adj.*** [after *Thespis,* ancient Gr poet] [*often* **t-**] having to do with the drama; dramatic —***n.*** [*often* **t-**] an actor or actress

the·ta (thāt′ə, thēt′-) ***n.*** the eighth letter of the Greek alphabet (Θ, θ, ϑ)

thews (thyo͞oz) ***pl.n.,*** *sing.* **thew** [< OE *theaw,* habit] muscles or sinews

they (*th*ā) ***pron.,*** *sing.* **he, she,** or **it** [< ON *thei-r*] **1** the persons, animals, or things previously mentioned **2** people generally *[they* say it's so*]*

thi·a·mine (thī′ə min, -mēn′) ***n.*** [ult. < Gr *theion,* brimstone + (VIT)AMIN] a white, crystalline B vitamin, found in cereals, egg yolk, liver, etc.; vitamin B_1: also **thi′a·min** (-min)

thick (thik) ***adj.*** [OE *thicce*] **1** of relatively great extent from side to side **2** as measured between opposite surfaces *[*one inch *thick]* **3** close and abundant *[thick* hair*]* **4** viscous **5** dense *[thick* smoke*]* **6** husky; blurred *[thick* speech*]* **7** [Inf.] stupid **8** [Inf.] close in friendship —***n.*** the thickest part —**thick′ly** ***adv.*** —**thick′ness** ***n.***

thick′en ***vt., vi.*** **1** to make or become thick or thicker **2** to make or become more complex —**thick′en·ing** ***n.***

thick·et (thik′it) ***n.*** [see THICK] a thick growth of shrubs or small trees

thick′set′ ***adj.*** **1** planted thickly or closely **2** thick in body; stocky

thick′-skinned′ ***adj.*** insensitive, as to insult

thief (thēf) ***n.,*** *pl.* **thieves** (thēvz) [OE *theof*] one who steals

thieve (thēv) ***vt., vi.*** **thieved, thiev′ing** to steal —**thiev′ish** ***adj.***

thiev′er·y (-ər ē) ***n.,*** *pl.* **-ies** the act or an instance of stealing; theft

thigh (thī) ***n.*** [OE *theoh*] that part of the leg between the knee and the hip

thigh′bone′ ***n.*** FEMUR

thim·ble (thim′bəl) ***n.*** [< OE *thuma,* a thumb] a small cap worn to protect the finger that pushes the needle in sewing —**thim′ble·ful′**, *pl.* **-fuls′**, ***n.***

thin (thin) ***adj.*** **thin′ner, thin′nest** [OE *thynne*] **1** of relatively little extent from side to side **2** lean; slender **3** not dense or compact *[thin* hair*]* **4** very fluid or watery *[thin* soup*]* **5** high-pitched and weak *[*a *thin* voice*]* **6** sheer: said as of fabric **7** flimsy or unconvincing *[*a *thin* excuse*]* **8** lacking substance, depth, etc.; weak —***vt., vi.*** **thinned, thin′ning** to make or become thin or thinner —**thin′ly** ***adv.*** —**thin′ness** ***n.***

thine (*th*īn) [Archaic] ***pron.*** [OE *thin*] that or those belonging to thee: poss. form of THOU —***poss. pronominal adj.*** thy: used esp. before a vowel

thing (thiŋ) ***n.*** [OE, council] **1** any matter, affair, or concern **2** a happening, act, incident, event, etc. **3** *a*) a tangible object *b*) an inanimate object **4** an item, detail, etc. **5** *a*) [*pl.*] personal belongings *b*) a garment **6** [Inf.] a person *[*poor *thing]* **7** [Inf.] a point of contention; issue **8** [Inf.] an irrational liking, fear, etc. **9** [Inf.] what one wants to do or is adept at *[*to do one's own *thing]* —**see things** [Inf.] to have hallucinations

think (thiŋk) ***vt.*** **thought, think′ing** [OE *thencan*] **1** to form or have in the mind *[thinking* good thoughts*]* **2** to judge; consider *[*many *think* her charming*]* **3** to believe *[*I *think* I can come*]* —***vi.*** **1** to use the mind; reason **2** to have an opinion, etc.: with *of* or *about* **3** to remember or consider: with *of* or *about* **4** to conceive (*of*) —**think up** to invent, plan, etc. by thinking —**think′er** ***n.***

think tank a group or center organized to do intensive research and problem-solving

thin·ner (thin′ər) ***n.*** a substance added to paint, shellac, etc. to thin it

thin′-skinned′ ***adj.*** sensitive, as to insult

Thin·su·late (thin′sə lāt′) *trademark for* thermal insulation made of synthetic fibers, for lining clothing

third (thurd) ***adj.*** [OE *thridda*] preceded by two others in a series; 3d or 3rd —***adv.*** in the third place, etc.: also **third′ly** —***n.*** **1** the one following the second **2**

any of the three equal parts of something; ⅓ **3** the third forward gear of a transmission, providing more speed than second

third′-class′ *adj.* **1** of the class, rank, etc. next below the second **2** of a low-cost mail class, as for advertisements —*adv.* by third-class mail or travel accommodations

third degree [Inf.] cruel treatment and questioning to force a confession: with *the*

third dimension **1** *a*) depth *b*) solidity **2** the quality of seeming real

third person the form of a pronoun or verb that refers to the person or thing spoken of

third′-rate′ *adj.* **1** third in quality or other rating **2** inferior; very poor

Third World [*also* **t- w-**] the economically underdeveloped countries of the world

thirst (thurst) *n.* ‖OE *thurst*‖ **1** the discomfort caused by a need for water **2** a strong desire; craving —*vi.* **1** to feel thirst **2** to have a strong desire or craving —**thirst′y**, **-i·er**, **-i·est**, *adj.* —**thirst′i·ly** *adv.*

thir·teen (thur′tēn′) *adj.*, *n.* ‖OE *threotyne*‖ three more than ten; 13; XIII —**thir′teenth′** *adj.*, *n.*

thir·ty (thurt′ē) *adj.*, *n.*, *pl.* **-ties** ‖OE *thritig*‖ three times ten; 30; XXX —**the thirties** the numbers or years, as of a century, from 30 through 39 —**thir′ti·eth** (-ith) *adj.*, *n.*

this (*th*is) *pron.*, *pl.* **these** ‖OE *thes*‖ **1** the person or thing mentioned *[this* is John*]* **2** the nearer one or another one *[this* is older than that*]* **3** something about to be presented *[*listen to *this]* —*adj.*, *pl.* **these** **1** designating the person or thing mentioned *[this* man is John*]* **2** designating the nearer one or another one *[this* desk is older than that one*]* **3** designating something about to be presented *[*hear *this* news*]* —*adv.* to this extent *[*it was *this* big*]*



THISTLE

this·tle (this′əl) *n.* ‖OE *thistel*‖ a plant with prickly leaves and white, purple, etc. flowers

this′tle·down′ *n.* the down growing from the flowers of a thistle

thith·er (*th*ith′ər, thi*th*′-) *adv.* ‖OE *thider*‖ to or toward that place; there

tho or **tho'** (*th*ō) *conj.*, *adv.* *phonetic sp. of* THOUGH

thole (thōl) *n.* ‖OE *thol*‖ one of a pair of pins set as an oarlock into the gunwale of a boat: also **thole′pin′**

-thon (thän) *suffix* -ATHON: used after a vowel *[radiothon]*

thong (thôŋ) *n.* ‖OE *thwang*‖ a narrow strip of leather, etc. used as a lace, strap, etc.

Thor (thôr) *n.* *Norse Myth.* the god of thunder, war, and strength

tho·rax (thôr′aks′) *n.*, *pl.* **-rax′es** or **-ra·ces′** (-ə sēz′) ‖< Gr‖ **1** the part of the body between the neck and the abdomen; chest **2** the middle segment of an insect's body —**tho·rac·ic** (thō ras′ik, thô-) *adj.*

Tho·reau (thôr′ō, thə rō′), **Henry David** 1817-62; U.S. writer

tho·ri·um (thôr′ē əm) *n.* ‖< THOR‖ a rare, grayish, radioactive, metallic chemical element, used as a nuclear fuel

thorn (thôrn) *n.* ‖OE‖ **1** *a*) a very short, hard, leafless stem with a sharp point *b*) any small tree or shrub bearing thorns **2** a source of constant trouble or irritation —**thorn′y**, **-i·er**, **-i·est**, *adj.*

thor·ough (thur′ō) *adj.* ‖var. of THROUGH‖ **1** omitting nothing; complete **2** absolute *[*a *thorough* rascal*]* **3** very exact, accurate, or painstaking —**thor′ough·ly** *adv.* —**thor′ough·ness** *n.*

thor·ough·bred (thur′ō bred′, thur′ə-) *adj.* of pure stock; pedigreed —*n.* [T-] any of a breed of light horse developed primarily for racing

thor′ough·fare′ (-fer′) *n.* a public street open at both ends, esp. a main highway

thor′ough·go′ing *adj.* very thorough

those (*th*ōz) *pron.*, *adj.* *pl. of* THAT

thou (*th*ou) *pron.*, *pl.* **you** or **ye** ‖OE *thu*‖ [Archaic] you: in poetic or religious use

though (*th*ō) *conj.* ‖OE *theah*‖ **1** in spite of the fact that *[though* it rained, he went*]* **2** and yet *[*they can win, *though* no one thinks so*]* **3** even if *[though* he may fail, he will have tried*]* —*adv.* however; nevertheless *[*she sings well, *though]*

thought[1] (thôt) *n.* ‖OE *thoht*‖ **1** the act or process of thinking **2** the power of reasoning **3** an idea, concept, etc. **4** attention; consideration **5** mental concentration *[*deep in *thought]*

thought[2] (thôt) *vt.*, *vi.* *pt. & pp. of* THINK

thought′ful *adj.* **1** full of thought; meditative **2** considerate of others —**thought′ful·ly** *adv.* —**thought′ful·ness** *n.*

thought′less *adj.* **1** not stopping to think; careless **2** ill-considered; rash **3** inconsiderate —**thought′less·ly** *adv.* —**thought′less·ness** *n.*

thou·sand (thou′zənd) *n.*, *adj.* ‖OE *thusend*‖ ten hundred; 1,000; M —**thou′sandth** (-zəndth) *adj.*, *n.*

thrall (thrôl) *n.* ‖< ON *thræll*‖ **1** [Now Chiefly Literary] a slave **2** the condition of being dominated or enslaved, esp. psychologically: now used chiefly in **hold in thrall** —**thrall′dom** or **thral′dom** (-dəm) *n.*

thrash (thrash) *vt.*, *vi.* ‖OE *therscan*‖ **1** THRESH **2** to beat; flog **3** to toss about

violently **4** to defeat overwhelmingly —**thrash out** to settle by detailed discussion

thrash'er *n.* [E dial. *thresher*] a thrush-like American songbird

thread (thred) *n.* [OE *thræd*] **1** a fine, stringlike length of spun cotton, silk, nylon, etc. used in sewing **2** any thin line, vein, etc. **3** something like a thread in its length, sequence, etc. *[the thread of a story]* **4** the spiral ridge of a screw, nut, etc. —*vt.* **1** to put a thread through (a needle, etc.) **2** to make (one's way) by twisting, weaving, etc. **3** to fashion a THREAD (sense 4) on or in (a screw, pipe, etc.)

thread'bare' *adj.* **1** worn down so that the threads show *[a threadbare rug]* **2** wearing worn clothes; shabby **3** stale; trite

threat (thret) *n.* [OE *threat,* pressure] **1** an expression of intention to hurt, destroy, punish, etc. **2** an indication of, or a source of, imminent danger, harm, etc.

threat'en *vt., vi.* **1** to make threats, as of injury (against) **2** to indicate the likely occurrence of (something dangerous, unpleasant, etc.) **3** to be a source of danger (to)

three (thrē) *adj., n.* [OE *threo*] one more than two; 3; III

three'-deck'er (-dek'ər) *n.* anything having three levels, layers, etc.

three'-di·men'sion·al *adj.* having or seeming to have depth or thickness

three'fold' *adj.* **1** having three parts **2** having three times as much or as many —*adv.* three times as much or as many

three R's reading, writing, and arithmetic, regarded as the fundamentals of an education: with *the*

three·score (thrē'skôr') *adj., n.* sixty

thren·o·dy (thren'ə dē) *n., pl.* **-dies** [< Gr *thrēnos,* lamentation + *ōidē,* song] a song of lamentation; dirge

thresh (thresh) *vt., vi.* [ME *threschen*: see THRASH] **1** to beat out (grain) from (husks), as with a flail **2** THRASH —**thresh'er** *n.*

thresh·old (thresh'ōld', -hōld') *n.* [OE *therscwold*] **1** a length of wood, stone, etc. along the bottom of a doorway **2** the beginning point

threw (thro͞o) *vt., vi. pt. of* THROW

thrice (thrīs) *adv.* [OE *thriwa*] **1** three times **2** threefold

thrift (thrift) *n.* [< ON *thrifa,* to grasp] economy; frugality —**thrift'less** *adj.* —**thrift'y, -i·er, -i·est,** *adj.* —**thrift'i·ly** *adv.* —**thrift'i·ness** *n.*

thrift shop a store where castoff clothes, etc. are sold to raise money for charity

thrill (thril) *vi., vt.* [< OE *thurh,* through] **1** to feel or cause to feel emotional excitement **2** to quiver or cause to quiver —*n.* a thrilling or being thrilled —**thrill'er** *n.*

thrive (thrīv) *vi.* **thrived** or **throve, thrived** or **thriv·en** (thriv'ən), **thriv'ing** [< ON *thrifa,* to grasp] **1** to prosper or flourish; be successful **2** to grow vigorously or luxuriantly

throat (thrōt) *n.* [OE *throte*] **1** the front part of the neck **2** the upper part of the passage from the mouth and nose to the stomach and lungs **3** any narrow passage

throat'y *adj.* **-i·er, -i·est** **1** produced in the throat: said of some sounds **2** husky; hoarse

throb (thräb) *vi.* **throbbed, throb'bing** [ME *throbben*] **1** to beat, pulsate, vibrate, etc., esp. strongly or fast **2** to feel excitement —*n.* **1** a throbbing **2** a strong beat or pulsation

throe (thrō) *n.* [prob. < OE *thrawu,* pain] a spasm or pang of pain: *usually used in pl. [the throes* of childbirth, death *throes]* —**in the throes of** in the act of struggling with (a problem, task, etc.)

throm·bose (thräm'bōs', -bōz') *vt., vi.* **-bosed', -bos'ing** to clot or become clotted with a thrombus

throm·bo·sis (thräm bō'sis) *n.* [< Gr *thrombos,* a clot] coagulation of the blood in the heart or a blood vessel, forming a clot

throm·bus (thräm'bəs) *n.* **-bi'** (-bī') [see prec.] the clot attached at the site of thrombosis

throne (thrōn) *n.* [< Gr *thronos,* a seat] **1** the chair on which a king, cardinal, etc. sits on formal occasions **2** the power or rank of a king, etc.

throng (thrôŋ) *n.* [OE *thringan,* to crowd] **1** a crowd **2** any great number of things considered together —*vi.* to gather together in a throng —*vt.* to crowd into

throt·tle (thrät'ˈl) *n.* [prob. dim. of THROAT] the valve, or its control lever or pedal, that regulates the amount of fuel vapor entering an engine —*vt.* **-tled, -tling** **1** to choke; strangle **2** to censor or suppress **3** to slow by means of a throttle

through (thro͞o) *prep.* [OE *thurh*] **1** in one side and out the other side of **2** in the midst of; among **3** by way of **4** around *[touring through* France*]* **5** *a)* from the beginning to the end of *b)* up to and including **6** by means of **7** as a result of *[done through* error*]* —*adv.* **1** in one side and out the other **2** from the beginning to the end **3** completely to the end *[to see something through]* **4** completely *[soaked through]*: also **through and through** —*adj.* **1** extending from one place to another *[a through* street*]* **2** traveling to the destination without stops *[a through* train*]* **3** finished *[through* with the job*]*

through·out' *prep.* all the way through —*adv.* in every part; everywhere

through'way' *n. alt. sp. of* THRUWAY: see EXPRESSWAY

throve (thrōv) *vi. alt. pt. of* THRIVE

throw (thrō) *vt.* **threw, thrown, throw'ing** [OE *thrawan,* to twist] **1** to send through the air by a rapid motion of the arm, etc. **2** to cause to fall; upset **3** to send rapidly *[to throw* troops into battle*]* **4** to put suddenly into a specified state, etc. *[throw* into confusion*]* **5**

to move (a switch, etc.) so as to connect, disconnect, etc. **6** to direct, cast, etc. *[throw* a glance*]* **7** [Inf.] to lose (a game, etc.) deliberately **8** [Inf.] to give (a party, etc.) **9** [Inf.] to confuse or disconcert *[*the question *threw* him*]* **10** [Inf.] to have (a tantrum, etc.) —***vi.*** to cast or hurl something —***n.*** **1** the act of one who throws **2** the distance something is or can be thrown *[*a stone's *throw]* **3** a spread for a bed, etc. — **throw away** **1** to discard **2** to waste — **throw in** to add on free or add to others —**throw off** **1** to rid oneself of **2** to mislead or confuse **3** to expel, emit, etc. —**throw oneself at** to try very hard to win the love of —**throw out** **1** to discard **2** to reject or remove —**throw over** **1** to give up; abandon **2** to jilt — **throw together** to assemble hurriedly —**throw up** to vomit —**throw'er** ***n.***

throw'a·way' ***n.*** a leaflet, handbill, etc. given out on the streets, from house to house, etc. —***adj.*** for discarding after use

throw'back' ***n.*** (a) reversion to an earlier or more primitive type

throw rug SCATTER RUG

thru (thro͞o) ***prep.***, ***adv.***, ***adj.*** *informal sp. of* THROUGH

thrush (thrush) ***n.*** ‖OE *thrysce*‖ any of a family of songbirds, including the robin

thrust (thrust) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** **thrust, thrust'ing** ‖< ON *thrysta*‖ **1** to push with sudden force **2** to stab **3** to force or impose — ***n.*** **1** a sudden, forceful push **2** a stab **3** continuous pressure, as of a rafter against a wall **4** *a*) the driving force of a propeller *b*) the forward force produced by a jet or rocket engine **5** forward movement **6** the basic meaning; point

thru·way (thro͞o'wā') ***n.*** EXPRESSWAY

Thu·cyd·i·des (thro͞o sid'i dēz') 460?-400? B.C.; Athenian historian

thud (thud) ***vi.*** **thud'ded, thud'ding** ‖prob. < OE *thyddan*, to strike‖ to hit or fall with a dull sound —***n.*** a dull sound, as of an object dropping on a soft surface

thug (thug) ***n.*** ‖Hindi *ṭhag*, swindler‖ a brutal hoodlum, gangster, etc. — **thug'gish** ***adj.***

thumb (thum) ***n.*** ‖OE *thuma*‖ the short, thick digit of the hand —***vt.*** **1** to handle, soil, etc. as with the thumb **2** [Inf.] to solicit or get (a ride) in hitchhiking by signaling with the thumb —**all thumbs** clumsy —**under someone's thumb** under someone's influence

thumb'nail' ***n.*** the nail of the thumb — ***adj.*** very small, brief, or concise

thumb'screw' ***n.*** **1** a screw that can be turned by the thumb and forefinger **2** a former instrument of torture for squeezing the thumbs

thumb'tack' ***n.*** a tack with a wide, flat head that can be pressed into a board, etc. with the thumb

thump (thump) ***n.*** ‖echoic‖ **1** a blow with something heavy and blunt **2** the dull sound made by such a blow —***vt.*** to strike with a thump —***vi.*** **1** to hit or fall with a thump **2** to make a dull, heavy sound

thump'ing ***adj.*** **1** that thumps **2** [Inf.] very large; whopping

thun·der (thun'dər) ***n.*** ‖OE *thunor*‖ **1** the sound following a flash of lightning **2** any similar sound —***vi.*** to produce thunder or a sound like this —***vt.*** to say very loudly —**thun'der·ous** ***adj.***

thun'der·bolt' ***n.*** **1** a flash of lightning and the accompanying thunder **2** something sudden and shocking, as bad news

thun'der·clap' ***n.*** a clap, or loud crash, of thunder

thun'der·cloud' ***n.*** a storm cloud charged with electricity and producing lightning and thunder

thun'der·head' ***n.*** a round mass of cumulus clouds appearing before a thunderstorm

thun'der·show'er ***n.*** a shower accompanied by thunder and lightning

thun'der·storm' ***n.*** a storm accompanied by thunder and lightning

thun'der·struck' ***adj.*** struck with amazement, terror, etc.: also **thun'der·strick'en** (-strik'ən)

Thurs·day (thurz'dā) ***n.*** ‖< ON *Thorsdagr*, Thor's day‖ the fifth day of the week: abbrev. **Thur** or **Thurs**

thus (*th*us) ***adv.*** ‖OE‖ **1** in this or that manner **2** to this or that degree or extent **3** therefore **4** for example

thwack (thwak) ***vt.***, ***n.*** ‖prob. echoic‖ WHACK

thwart (thwôrt) ***n.*** ‖< ON *thvert*, transverse‖ a seat across a boat —***vt.*** to obstruct, frustrate, or defeat (a person, plans, etc.)

thy (*th*ī) ***poss. pronominal adj.*** ‖< ME *thin*‖ *archaic or poet. var. of* YOUR

thyme (tīm) ***n.*** ‖< Gr *thymon*‖ an herb of the mint family, with leaves used for seasoning

thy·mo·sin (thī'mə sin) ***n.*** ‖< Gr *thymos*, thymus‖ a hormone secreted by the thymus that stimulates the immune system

thy·mus (thī'məs) ***n.*** ‖Gr *thymos*‖ an endocrine gland situated near the throat: also **thymus gland**

thy·roid (thī'roid') ***adj.*** ‖< Gr *thyreos*, large shield‖ designating or of a large endocrine gland near the trachea, secreting a hormone that regulates growth —***n.*** **1** the thyroid gland **2** an animal extract of this gland, used in treating goiter

thy·self (*th*ī self') ***pron.*** [Archaic] *reflexive or intensive form of* THOU

ti (tē) ***n.*** *Music* the seventh tone of the diatonic scale

Ti *Chem. symbol for* titanium

Ti·a Jua·na (tē'ə wä'nə) *former name for* TIJUANA

Tian·jin (tyen'jin') seaport in NE China: pop. 5,152,000

ti·ar·a (tē er'ə, -ar'-, -är'-) ***n.*** ‖< Gr‖ **1** the pope's triple crown **2** a woman's crownlike headdress

Ti·ber (tī'bər) river in central Italy, flowing through Rome

Ti·bet (ti bet′) plateau region of SW China, north of the Himalayas —**Ti·bet′an** *adj.*, *n.*

tib·i·a (tib′ē ə) *n.*, *pl.* **-i·ae′** (-ē ē′) or **-i·as** [L] the inner and thicker of the bones of the lower leg

tic (tik) *n.* [Fr < ?] any involuntary, regularly repeated, spasmodic contraction of a muscle

tick[1] (tik) *n.* [prob. echoic] **1** a light clicking sound, as of a clock **2** a mark made to check off items —*vi.* to make a tick or ticks —*vt.* to record, mark, or check by ticks —**tick off** [Slang] to make angry

tick[2] (tik) *n.* [OE *ticia*] a wingless, blood-sucking mite that infests humans, cattle, etc.

tick[3] (tik) *n.* [< ? L *theca*, a cover] the cloth case of a mattress or pillow

ticked (tikt) *adj.* [< TICK OFF] [Slang] angry

tick′er *n.* **1** one that ticks **2** a telegraphic device for recording stock market quotations, etc. on a paper tape (**ticker tape**) **3** [Slang] the heart

tick·et (tik′it) *n.* [< obs. Fr *etiquet*, etiquette] **1** a printed card, etc. that gives one a right, as to attend a theater **2** a license or certificate **3** a label on merchandise giving size, price, etc. **4** the list of candidates nominated by a political party **5** [Inf.] a summons to court for a traffic violation —*vt.* **1** to label with a ticket **2** to give a ticket to

tick′ing *n.* strong cloth, often striped, used for casings of pillows, etc.

tick·le (tik′əl) *vt.* **-led**, **-ling** [ME *tikelen*] **1** to please, gratify, delight, etc. **2** to stroke lightly so as to cause involuntary twitching, laughter, etc. —*vi.* to have or cause an itching or tingling sensation —*n.* a sensation of being tickled

tick·ler (tik′lər) *n.* a pad, file, etc. for noting matters to be remembered

tick′lish (-lish) *adj.* **1** sensitive to tickling **2** needing careful handling; precarious; delicate

tick-tack-toe or **tic-tac-toe** (tik′tak tō′) *n.* a game for two, each marking X (or O) in turn in a nine-square block so as to complete any one row before the other can

tick·tock (tik′täk′) *n.* the sound made by a clock or watch

tid·al (tīd′′l) *adj.* of, having, or caused by, a tide or tides

tidal wave **1** *nontechnical term for* a tsunami or a similar huge wave caused by strong winds **2** any widespread movement, feeling, etc.

tid·bit (tid′bit′) *n.* [dial. *tid*, small object] a choice bit of food, gossip, etc.

tid·dly·winks (tid′lē wiŋks′) *n.* [< ?] a game in which little disks are snapped into a cup by pressing their edges with a larger disk

tide (tīd) *n.* [OE *tid*, time] **1** a period of time: now only in combination *[Eastertide]* **2** the alternate rise and fall, about twice a day, of the surface of oceans, seas, etc., caused by the attraction of the moon and sun **3** something that rises and falls like the tide **4** a stream, trend, etc. —*vi.* **tid′ed**, **tid′ing** to help along temporarily: with *over*

tide′land′ *n.* **1** land uncovered at low tide **2** [*pl.*] loosely, land under the sea within territorial waters of a country

tide′wa′ter *n.* **1** water that is affected by the tide **2** land that is affected by the tide —*adj.* of or along a tidewater

ti·dings (tī′diŋz) *pl.n.* [OE *tidung*] news; information

ti·dy (tī′dē) *adj.* **-di·er**, **-di·est** [<OE *tid*, time] **1** neat in appearance, arrangement, etc.; orderly **2** [Inf.] rather large *[a tidy sum]* —*vt.*, *vi.* **-died**, **-dy·ing** to make tidy: often with *up* —**ti′di·ness** *n.*

tie (tī) *vt.* **tied**, **ty′ing** or **tie′ing** [< OE *teag*, a rope] **1** to bind, as with string, rope, etc. **2** to knot the laces, etc. of **3** to make (a knot) in **4** to bind in any way **5** to equal the score of, as in a contest —*vi.* to make an equal score, as in a contest —*n.* **1** a string, cord, etc. used to tie things **2** something that connects, binds, etc. **3** a necktie **4** a beam, rod, etc. that holds parts together **5** any of the crossbeams to which the rails of a railroad are fastened **6** *a*) an equality of scores, etc. *b*) a contest in which this occurs —*adj.* that has been made equal *[a tie score]* —**tie down** to confine; restrict —**tie up** **1** to wrap up and tie **2** to moor to a dock **3** to obstruct; hinder **4** to cause to be already in use, committed, etc.

tie′back′ *n.* a band or ribbon used to tie curtains, etc. to one side

tie′break′er *n.* an additional game, period of play, etc. used to establish a winner from among those tied at the end of a contest

tie clasp a decorative clasp for fastening a necktie to the shirt: also **tie clip**

tie′-dye′ *n.* a method of dyeing designs on cloth by tying bunches of it so that the dye affects only exposed parts —*vt.* **-dyed′**, **-dye′ing** to dye in this way

tie′-in′ *n.* a connection or relationship

Tien·tsin (tyen′tsin′) *a former transliteration of* TIANJIN

tier (tir) *n.* [< OFr *tire*, order] any of a series of rows arranged one above or behind another

tie rod a rod connecting certain parts in the steering linkage of a motor vehicle

tie tack or **tie tac** a decorative pin fitted into a snap to fasten a necktie to a shirt

tie-up (tī′up′) *n.* **1** a temporary stoppage of production, traffic, etc. **2** connection or relation

tiff (tif) *n.* [< ?] a slight quarrel; spat

Tif·fa·ny (tif′ə nē) *adj.* [after L. C. *Tiffany* (1848-1933), U.S. designer] of a style in stained glass

ti·ger (tī′gər) *n.* [< Gr *tigris*] **1** a large, fierce Asian cat, having a tawny coat striped with black **2** one who is dynamic, fierce, etc.



TIGER

tight (tīt) ***adj.*** [< OE *-thight*, strong] **1** so compact in structure that water, air, etc. cannot pass through **2** drawn, packed, etc. closely together **3** fixed securely; firm **4** fully stretched; taut **5** fitting so closely as to be uncomfortable **6** difficult: esp. in **a tight corner** (or **squeeze**, etc.), a difficult situation **7** showing tension, etc. *[a tight smile]* **8** almost tied *[a tight race]* **9** sharp; abrupt *[a tight turn in the road]* **10** difficult to get; scarce **11** [Inf.] stingy **12** [Slang] drunk **13** [Slang] very familiar —***adv.*** **1** securely **2** [Inf.] soundly *[sleep tight]* —**sit tight** to keep one's opinion or position and wait —**tight'ly** ***adv.*** —**tight'ness** ***n.***

tight'en ***vt.***, ***vi.*** to make or become tight or tighter —**tight'en·er** ***n.***

tight'fist'ed ***adj.*** stingy

tight'fit'ting ***adj.*** fitting very tight

tight'-lipped' ***adj.*** secretive

tight'rope' ***n.*** a tightly stretched rope on which acrobats perform

tights ***pl.n.*** a tightly fitting garment for the lower half of the body, as worn by acrobats or dancers

tight ship [Inf.] an organization as efficient as a well-run ship

tight'wad' ***n.*** [TIGHT + *wad*, roll of money] [Slang] a stingy person

ti·gress (tī'gris) ***n.*** a female tiger

Ti·gris (tī'gris) river flowing from EC Turkey to a juncture with the Euphrates in SE Iraq

Ti·jua·na (tē'ə wä'nə) city in Baja California, NW Mexico, on the U.S. border: official pop. 747,000; actual pop. between 1,000,000 and 2,000,000

til·de (til'də) ***n.*** [Sp < L *titulus*, a sign] a diacritical mark (~)

tile (tīl) ***n.*** [< L *tegula*] **1** a thin piece of stone, fired clay, etc. used for roofing, flooring, etc. **2** a similar piece of plastic, etc. **3** a drain of earthenware pipe —***vt.*** **tiled**, **til'ing** to cover with tiles

til'ing ***n.*** tiles collectively

till[1] (til) ***prep.***, ***conj.*** [OE *til*] UNTIL

till[2] (til) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** [< OE *tilian*, lit., strive for] to prepare (land) for raising crops, as by plowing

till[3] (til) ***n.*** [< ? ME *tillen*, to draw] a drawer for keeping money

till'age ***n.*** **1** the tilling of land **2** land that is tilled

till·er (til'ər) ***n.*** [< ML *telarium*, a weaver's beam] a bar or handle for turning a boat's rudder

tilt (tilt) ***vt.*** [ME *tilten*, totter] to cause to slant; tip —***vi.*** **1** to slope; incline **2** to charge (*at* an opponent) **3** to take part in a tilt —***n.*** **1** a medieval contest in which two horsemen fight with lances **2** any spirited contest **3** a slope —(**at**) **full tilt** at full speed

tilt'-top' ***adj.*** of a table with a hinged top that can be tipped vertically

tim·bale (tim'bəl) ***n.*** [Fr] **1** chicken, lobster, etc. in a cream sauce, baked in a drum-shaped mold **2** a pastry shell, filled with a cooked food

tim·ber (tim'bər) ***n.*** [OE] **1** wood for building houses, ships, etc. **2** a wooden beam used in building **3** trees collectively —**tim'bered** ***adj.***

tim'ber·line' ***n.*** the line above or beyond which trees do not grow, as on mountains

tim·bre (tam'bər, tim'-) ***n.*** [< OFr, kind of drum] the quality of sound that distinguishes one voice or musical instrument from another

time (tīm) ***n.*** [OE *tima*] **1** every moment there has ever been or ever will be **2** a system of measuring duration *[standard time]* **3** the period during which something exists, happens, etc. **4** [*often pl.*] a period of history; age, era, etc. **5** [*usually pl.*] prevailing conditions *[times are good]* **6** a set period or term, as of work, confinement, etc. **7** standard rate of pay **8** rate of speed in marching, driving, etc. **9** a precise or designated instant, moment, day, etc. **10** an occasion or repeated occasion *[the fifth time it's been on TV]* **11** *Music* *a*) rhythm as determined by the grouping of beats into measures *b*) tempo **12** *Sports* TIMEOUT —***vt.*** **timed**, **tim'ing** **1** to arrange the time of so as to be suitable, opportune, etc. **2** to adjust, set, etc. so as to coincide in time *[time our watches]* **3** to calculate the pace, speed, etc. of —***adj.*** **1** having to do with time **2** set to explode, open, etc. at a given time *[a time bomb]* **3** having to do with paying in installments —**ahead of time** early —**at the same time** however —**at times** occasionally —**do time** [Inf.] to serve a prison term —**for the time being** temporarily —**from time to time** now and then —**in time** **1** eventually **2** before it is too late **3** keeping the set tempo, pace, etc. —**make time** to travel, work, etc. rapidly —**on time** **1** at the appointed time **2** for or by payment by installments —**time after time** again and again: also **time and again**

time clock a clock with a mechanism for recording the time an employee begins and ends a work period

time exposure a photograph taken by exposure of a film or plate for a relatively long period

time frame a given period of time

time'-hon'ored ***adj.*** honored because of long existence or usage

time'keep'er ***n.*** one who keeps account of hours worked by employees or of the elapsed time in races, games, etc.

time'-lapse' ***adj.*** of filming a slow process by exposing single frames at long intervals: the film is projected at regular speed, showing the process greatly speeded up

time'less *adj.* **1** eternal **2** always valid or true
time'line' *n.* a chronological chart or list of events, dates, plans, etc.
time'ly *adj.* **-li·er, -li·est** well-timed; opportune —**time'li·ness** *n.*
time machine in science fiction, a device for conveying a person into the past or the future
time'out' *n.* *Sports* any temporary suspension of play
time'piece' *n.* any device for measuring and recording time, as a clock or watch
tim·er (tīm'ər) *n.* a device for controlling the timing of some mechanism
time'-re·lease' *adj.* releasing active ingredients gradually
times (tīmz) *prep.* multiplied by
time sharing **1** a system for simultaneous computer use at many remote sites **2** a system for sharing ownership of a vacation home, etc., with each joint purchaser occupying the unit at a specific time each year: also **time share**
time sheet a sheet on which are recorded the hours an employee works
time'ta'ble *n.* a schedule of the times of arrival and departure of airplanes, trains, buses, etc.
time'-test'ed *adj.* having value proved by long use or experience
time warp displacement from one point in time to another, as in science fiction
time'worn' *adj.* **1** worn out by long use **2** hackneyed; trite
time zone *see* STANDARD TIME
tim·id (tim'id) *adj.* [< L *timere*, to fear] lacking self-confidence; shy; fearful; hesitant —**ti·mid·i·ty** (tə mid'ə tē) *n.* —**tim'id·ly** *adv.*
tim·ing (tīm'iŋ) *n.* the regulation of pace or speed as it affects performance
tim·or·ous (tim'ər es) *adj.* [< L *timor*, fear] full of fear; timid; afraid
tim·o·thy (tim'ə thē) *n.* [after a *Timothy* Hanson, *c.* 1720] a perennial grass with dense spikes, grown for hay
tim·pa·ni (tim'pə nē) *pl.n.*, *sing.* **-no'** (-nō') [It: see TYMPANUM] [*often with sing. v.*] kettledrums; esp., a set of them played by one performer —**tim'pa·nist** *n.*
tin (tin) *n.* [OE] **1** a soft, silver-white, metallic chemical element **2** TIN PLATE **3** *a)* a pan, box, etc. made of tin plate *b)* [Chiefly Brit.] CAN² (*n.* 2, 3) Variously used to connote cheapness, etc. of something —*vt.* **tinned, tin'ning** **1** to plate with tin **2** [Chiefly Brit.] CAN² (*vt.* 1)
tin can CAN² (*n.* 2)
tinc·ture (tiŋk'chər) *n.* [< L *tingere*, to dye] **1** a light color; tinge **2** a slight trace **3** a dilute solution of a medicinal substance in alcohol —*vt.* **-tured, -tur·ing** to tinge
tin·der (tin'dər) *n.* [OE *tynder*] any dry, easily flammable material
tin'der·box' *n.* **1** [Obs.] a box to hold tinder **2** a highly flammable building, etc. **3** a potential source of war, rebellion, etc.
tine (tīn) *n.* [OE *tind*] a slender, projecting point; prong *[fork tines]*
tin'foil' *n.* **1** tin in thin sheets **2** aluminum in thin sheets, used for wrapping food, etc.
tinge (tinj) *n.* [see TINT] **1** a slight coloring; tint **2** a slight trace, flavor, etc. —*vt.* **tinged, tinge'ing** or **ting'ing** to give a tinge to
tin·gle (tiŋ'gəl) *vi.* **-gled, -gling** [var. of TINKLE] to have a prickling or stinging feeling, as from cold, excitement, etc. —*n.* this feeling —**tin'gly** *adj.*
tin·ker (tiŋk'ər) *n.* [ME *tinkere*] **1** one who mends pots, pans, etc. **2** a bungler —*vi.* **1** to attempt clumsily to mend something **2** to putter
tin·kle (tiŋk'əl) *vi.* **-kled, -kling** [echoic] to make a series of light sounds as of a tiny bell —*vt.* to cause to tinkle —*n.* a tinkling sound
tin·ny (tin'ē) *adj.* **-ni·er, -ni·est** **1** of or like tin **2** not well-made **3** high-pitched and lacking resonance *[tinny music]* —**tin'ni·ness** *n.*
tin plate thin sheets of iron or steel plated with tin
tin·sel (tin'səl) *n.* [< L *scintilla*, a spark] **1** thin strips of tin, metal foil, etc., as for decoration **2** something of little worth that glitters
tin'smith' *n.* one who works in tin or tin plate
tint (tint) *n.* [< L *tingere*, to dye] **1** a pale color **2** a gradation of a color; shade **3** a hair dye —*vt.* to give a tint to
tin·tin·nab·u·la·tion (tin'ti nab'yo͞o lā' shən) *n.* [< L *tintinnabulum*, little bell] the ringing sound of bells
tin·type (tin'tīp') *n.* an old kind of photograph taken directly as a positive print on a treated plate of tin or iron
ti·ny (tī'nē) *adj.* **-ni·er, -ni·est** [< ME *tine*, *n.*, a little] very small
-tion (shən) [< Fr < L] *suffix* **1** the act of ___ing **2** the state of being ___ed **3** the thing that is ___ed
-tious (shəs) *suffix* of, having, or characterized by
tip[1] (tip) *n.* [ME *tippe*] **1** the point or end of something **2** something attached to the end, as a cap, etc. —*vt.* **tipped, tip'ping** **1** to form a tip on **2** to cover the tip of
tip[2] (tip) *vt.* **tipped, tip'ping** [< ?] **1** to strike lightly and sharply **2** to give a gratuity to (a waiter, etc.) **3** [Inf.] to give secret information to: often with *off* —*vi.* to give a tip or tips —*n.* **1** a light, sharp blow **2** a piece of confidential information **3** a hint, warning, etc. **4** a gratuity —**tip one's hand** [Slang] to reveal a secret, one's plans, etc., often without meaning to —**tip'per** *n.*
tip[3] (tip) *vt.*, *vi.* **tipped, tip'ping** [ME *tipen*] **1** to overturn or upset: often with *over* **2** to tilt or slant —*n.* a tilt; slant
tip'-off' *n.* a tip; confidential disclosure, hint, or warning
tip·ple (tip'əl) *vi.*, *vt.* **-pled, -pling** [< ?] to drink (alcoholic liquor) habitually —**tip'pler** *n.*

tip·ster (tip′stər) ***n.*** [Inf.] one who sells tips, as on horse races or the stock market

tip·sy (tip′sē) ***adj.*** **-si·er, -si·est** **1** that tips easily; not steady **2** somewhat drunk —**tip′si·ly** ***adv.***

tip′toe′ ***vi.*** **-toed′, -toe′ing** to walk carefully, with the heels raised —**on tiptoe** **1** standing with the heels raised **2** excited, alert, etc. **3** silently and stealthily

tip′top′ ***n.*** ⟦TIP[1] + TOP[1]⟧ the highest point —***adj.***, ***adv.*** **1** at the highest point **2** [Inf.] at the highest point of excellence, health, etc.

ti·rade (tī′rād′) ***n.*** ⟦< It *tirare*, to fire⟧ a long, vehement speech or denunciation; harangue

tire[1] (tīr) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** **tired, tir′ing** ⟦OE *tiorian*⟧ to make or become weary, exhausted, bored, etc.

tire[2] (tīr) ***n.*** ⟦ME *tyre*⟧ **1** a hoop of iron or rubber around the wheel of a vehicle **2** an inflatable, vulcanized rubber or synthetic casing sealed to a wheel rim by air pressure

tired (tīrd) ***adj.*** **1** weary **2** hackneyed —**tired′ly** ***adv.*** —**tired′ness** ***n.***

tire iron a crowbar with a built-in wrench, for changing automobile tires

tire′less ***adj.*** persistent, unwavering, etc. —**tire′less·ly** ***adv.*** —**tire′less·ness** ***n.***

tire′some (-səm) ***adj.*** **1** tiring; boring **2** annoying —**tire′some·ly** ***adv.*** —**tire′some·ness** ***n.***

Ti·rol (ti rōl′, -räl′) E Alpine region in W Austria & N Italy —**Ti·ro·le·an** (ti rō′lē ən, tī-) ***adj.***, ***n.***

'tis (tiz) *contr.* [Old Poet.] it is

tis·sue (tish′o͞o) ***n.*** ⟦< L *texere*, to weave⟧ **1** light, thin cloth **2** an interwoven mass; mesh; web **3** a piece of soft, absorbent paper, used as a disposable handkerchief, etc. **4** TISSUE PAPER **5** the substance of an organic body, consisting of cells and intercellular material

tissue paper very thin wrapping paper

tit[1] (tit) ***n.*** a titmouse

tit[2] (tit) ***n.*** ⟦OE⟧ **1** NIPPLE (sense 1) **2** a breast: in this sense now vulgar

ti·tan (tīt′n) ***n.*** ⟦< Gr *Titan*, a giant deity⟧ any person or thing of great size or power

ti·tan·ic (tī tan′ik) ***adj.*** of great size, strength, or power

ti·ta·ni·um (tī tā′nē əm) ***n.*** ⟦see TITAN⟧ a silvery or dark-gray, metallic chemical element used in manufacturing

tit for tat ⟦var. of earlier *tip for tap*⟧ this for that: phrase indicating retribution

tithe (tīth) ***n.*** ⟦OE *teothe*, a tenth⟧ a tenth of one's income paid to a church —***vi.*** **tithed, tith′ing** to pay a tithe

ti·tian (tish′ən) ***n.*** ⟦after *Titian* (1490?-1576), Venetian painter⟧ reddish gold

tit·il·late (tit′l āt′) ***vt.*** **-lat′ed, -lat′ing** ⟦< L *titillare*, tickle⟧ to excite pleasurably —**tit′il·la′tion** ***n.***

ti·tle (tīt′l) ***n.*** ⟦< L *titulus*⟧ **1** the name of a book, poem, picture, etc. **2** an epithet **3** an appellation indicating one's rank, profession, etc. **4** a claim **5** *Film, TV* a subtitle, credit, etc. **6** *Law* *a*) a right to ownership, esp. of real estate *b*) a deed **7** *Sports, etc.* a championship —***vt.*** **-tled, -tling** to give a title to

ti′tled ***adj.*** having a title, esp. of nobility

ti′tle·hold′er ***n.*** the holder of a title; specif., the champion in some sport

title role (or **character**) the character in a play, film, etc. whose name is used as or in its title

ti·tlist (tīt′l ist) ***n.*** a champion in some sport

tit·mouse (tit′mous′) ***n.***, *pl.* **-mice′** (-mīs′) ⟦ME *titemose*⟧ a small bird with ashy-gray feathers

tit·ter (tit′ər) ***vi.*** ⟦echoic⟧ to laugh in a half-suppressed way; giggle —***n.*** a tittering

tit·tle (tit′l) ***n.*** ⟦ME *title*⟧ a very small particle; jot

tit·u·lar (tich′ə lər, tit′yə-) ***adj.*** ⟦see TITLE⟧ **1** of a title **2** having a title **3** in name only *[a titular sovereign]*

tiz·zy (tiz′ē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-zies** ⟦< ?⟧ [Inf.] a state of frenzied excitement

tko or **TKO** ***n.*** *Boxing* a technical knockout

TLC *abbrev.* tender, loving care

TM *abbrev.* trademark

tn *abbrev.* ton(s)

TN Tennessee

TNT ***n.*** ⟦*t*(*ri*)*n*(*itro*)*t*(*oluene*)⟧ a high explosive used for blasting, etc.

to (to͞o, to͝o, tə) ***prep.*** ⟦OE⟧ **1** toward *[turn to the left]* **2** so as to reach *[she went to Boston]* **3** as far as *[wet to the skin]* **4** into a condition of *[a rise to fame]* **5** *a*) on, onto, against, at, etc. *[tied to a post]* *b*) in front of *[face to face]* **6** *a*) until *[from noon to night]* *b*) before *[the time is ten to six]* **7** for the purpose of *[come to dinner]* **8** in regard to *[open to attack]* **9** with the result of producing *[torn to bits]* **10** along with *[add this to the rest]* **11** belonging with *[a key to the house]* **12** as compared with *[a score of 10 to 0]* **13** in agreement with *[not to my taste]* **14** constituting *[four quarts to a gallon]* **15** with (a specified person or thing) as the recipient of the action *[give it to me]* **16** in honor of *[a toast to you]* **17** by *[known to me]* *To* is also a sign of the infinitive (Ex.: I want *to* stay) —***adv.*** **1** forward *[wrong side to]* **2** shut; closed *[pull the door to]* **3** into a state of consciousness *[the boxer came to]* **4** at hand *[we were close to when it happened]* —**to and fro** first in one direction and then in the opposite

toad (tōd) ***n.*** ⟦OE *tadde*⟧ a froglike amphibian that lives on moist land

toad′stool′ (-sto͞ol′) ***n.*** a mushroom; esp., any poisonous mushroom

toad·y (tō′dē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ies** ⟦short for *toad-eater*, quack doctor's assistant⟧ a servile flatterer —***vt.***, ***vi.*** **-ied, -y·ing** to be a toady (to)

toast[1] (tōst) ***vt.*** ⟦< L *torrere*, parch⟧ **1** to brown the surface of (bread, cheese, etc.) by heating **2** to warm thoroughly —***vi.*** to become toasted —***n.*** sliced

bread made brown and crisp by heat — **toast'er** *n.*

toast[2] (tōst) *n.* [from the use of toasted spiced bread to flavor the wine] **1** a drink, or a proposal to drink, in honor of some person, etc. **2** someone greatly admired or acclaimed *[the toast of Broadway]* —*vt., vi.* to propose or drink a toast (to)

toast'mas'ter *n.* the person at a banquet who proposes toasts, introduces after-dinner speakers, etc.

toast'y *adj.* **-i·er, -i·est** warm and comfortable or cozy

to·bac·co (tə bak'ō) *n., pl.* **-cos** [Sp *tabaco* < ?] **1** a plant with large leaves that are prepared for smoking, chewing, etc. **2** cigars, cigarettes, etc.

to·bac·co·nist (tə bak'ə nist) *n.* [Chiefly Brit.] a dealer in tobacco

to·bog·gan (tə bäg'ən) *n.* [< AmInd] a long, flat sled without runners, for coasting downhill —*vi.* **1** to coast on a toboggan **2** to decline rapidly

toc·ca·ta (tə kät'ə) *n.* a musical work in free style for the organ, piano, etc., often a prelude to a fugue

toc·sin (täk'sin) *n.* [Fr < Prov *toc*, a stroke + *senh*, a bell] an alarm bell or its sound

to·day (tə dā') *adv.* [OE *to dæg*] **1** on or during the present day **2** in the present time —*n.* **1** the present day **2** the present time

tod·dle (täd'l) *vi.* **-dled, -dling** [? < *totter*] to walk with short, uncertain steps

tod'dler *n.* a very young child, esp. one just learning to walk

tod·dy (täd'ē) *n., pl.* **-dies** [< Hindi] a drink of whiskey, etc. mixed with hot water, sugar, etc.: also **hot toddy**

to-do (tə dōō') *n., pl.* **-dos'** [Inf.] a commotion; fuss

toe (tō) *n.* [OE *ta*] **1** *a)* any of the digits of the foot *b)* the forepart of the foot **2** anything like a toe in location, shape, or use —*vt.* **toed, toe'ing** to touch, kick, etc. with the toes —*vi.* to stand, walk, etc. with the toes in a specified position *[he toes in]* —**on one's toes** [Inf.] alert —**toe the line** (or **mark**) to follow orders, rules, etc. strictly

toed (tōd) *adj.* having (a specified kind or number of) toes: usually in compounds *[two-toed]*

toe dance a dance performed on the tips of the toes, as in ballet —**toe'-dance'**, **-danced'**, **-danc'ing**, *vi.* —**toe'-danc'er** *n.*

toe'hold' *n.* **1** a small space to support the toe in climbing, etc. **2** a slight footing or advantage

toe'less *adj.* having the toe open or uncovered *[a toeless shoe]*

toe'nail' *n.* the nail of a toe

tof·fee or **tof·fy** (tôf'ē, täf'ē) *n.* [< TAFFY] a hard, chewy candy, a kind of taffy

to·fu (tō'fōō) *n.* [Jpn] a cheeselike food made from soybeans

to·ga (tō'gə) *n., pl.* **-gas** or **-gae** (-jē, -gē) [L < *tegere*, to cover] in ancient Rome, a loose outer garment worn in public by citizens



ROMAN TOGA

to·geth·er (tə geth'ər) *adv.* [< OE *to*, to + *gædre*, together] **1** in or into one group, place, etc. *[we ate together]* **2** in or into contact, union, etc. *[the cars skidded together]* **3** considered collectively *[he lost more than all of us together]* **4** at the same time *[gunshots fired together]* **5** in succession *[sulking for three days together]* **6** in or into agreement, cooperation, etc. *[to get together on a deal]* —*adj.* **1** with one another; not apart **2** [Slang] having a harmoniously organized personality

to·geth'er·ness *n.* the spending of much time together, as by family members, resulting in a more unified relationship

tog·gle switch (täg'əl) a switch consisting of a lever moved back and forth to open or close an electric circuit

To·go (tō'gō) country on the W coast of Africa: 21,925 sq. mi.; pop. 2,701,000

togs (tägz, tôgz) *pl.n.* [ult. < L *toga*, toga] [Inf.] clothes

toil (toil) *vi.* [< L *tudiculare*, to stir about] **1** to work hard and continuously **2** to proceed laboriously —*n.* hard, tiring work —**toil'er** *n.*

toi·let (toi'lit) *n.* [< OFr *toile*, cloth < L *tela*, a web] **1** TOILETTE **2** (a room with) a bowl-shaped fixture for defecation or urination

toilet paper (or **tissue**) soft paper for cleaning oneself after evacuation

toi'let·ry (-lə trē) *n., pl.* **-ries** soap, lotion, etc. used in grooming oneself

toi·lette (twä let', toi-) *n.* [Fr] **1** the process of grooming oneself **2** dress; attire

toilet water a lightly scented liquid containing alcohol, applied to the skin after bathing, etc.

toils (toilz) *pl.n.* [< L *tela*, web] any snare suggestive of a net

toil·some (toil'səm) *adj.* laborious

toke (tōk) [Slang] *n.* [? < fol.] a puff on a cigarette, esp. one of marijuana or hashish —*vi.* **toked, tok'ing** to take such a puff

to·ken (tō'kən) *n.* [OE *tacn*] **1** a sign, indication, symbol, etc. *[a token of one's affection]* **2** a keepsake **3** a metal disk to be used in place of currency, as for transportation fares —*adj.* **1** symbolic **2** merely simulated; slight *[token resistance]* —**by the same token** for the same reason

to'ken·ism' *n.* the making of small,

often merely formal concessions to a demand, etc.; specif., token integration of blacks, as in jobs

To·ky·o (tō′kē ō′) capital of Japan, on S Honshu: pop. 8,352,000

told (tōld) ***vt., vi.*** *pt. & pp. of* TELL —**all told** all things considered

tole (tōl) ***n.*** [Fr *tôle*, sheet iron] a type of lacquered or enameled metalware, usually dark-green, ivory, or black, used for lamps, trays, etc.

To·le·do (tə lē′dō) city & port in NW Ohio: pop. 333,000

tol·er·a·ble (täl′ər ə bəl) ***adj.*** **1** endurable **2** fairly good; passable —**tol′er·a·bly** ***adv.***

tol′er·ance (-əns) ***n.*** **1** a being tolerant of others' views, beliefs, practices, etc. **2** the amount of variation allowed from a standard **3** *Med.* the (developed) ability to resist the effects of a drug, etc.

tol′er·ant (-ənt) ***adj.*** having or showing tolerance of others' beliefs, etc.

tol′er·ate′ (-āt′) ***vt.*** **-at′ed, -at′ing** [< L *tolerare*, to bear] **1** to allow **2** to respect (others' beliefs, practices, etc.) without sharing them **3** to bear (someone or something disliked); put up with **4** *Med.* to have tolerance for —**tol′er·a′tion** ***n.***

toll[1] (tōl) ***n.*** [ult. < Gr *telos*, tax] **1** a tax or charge for a privilege, as for the use of a turnpike **2** a charge for service, as for a long-distance telephone call **3** the number lost, etc. *[*the tornado took a heavy *toll* of lives*]*

toll[2] (tōl) ***vt.*** [ME *tollen*, to pull] **1** to ring (a church bell, etc.) with slow, regular strokes **2** to announce, summon, etc. by this —***vi.*** to ring slowly: said of a bell —***n.*** the sound of a bell tolling

toll′booth′ ***n.*** a booth at which a toll is collected, as before entering a toll road

toll′gate′ ***n.*** a gate for stopping travel at a point where a toll is collected

toll road a road on which a toll must be paid: also **toll′way′** (-wā′) ***n.***

Tol·stoy or **Tol·stoi** (tōl′stoi′), Count **Le·o** (lē′ō) 1828-1910; Russ. novelist

tol·u·ene (täl′yo͞o ēn′) ***n.*** [Sp *tolu*, after *Tolú*, seaport in Colombia + (BENZ)ENE] a colorless, poisonous liquid obtained from coal tar or petroleum and used in making dyes, explosives, etc.

tom (täm) ***adj.*** [after the name *Tom*] male *[*a *tomcat*, a *tom* turkey*]*

tom·a·hawk (täm′ə hôk′) ***n.*** [< AmInd] a light ax used by North American Indians as a tool and a weapon

to·ma·to (tə māt′ō, -mät′ō) ***n., pl.*** **-toes** [< AmInd (Mexico)] **1** a red or yellowish fruit with a juicy pulp, used as a vegetable **2** the plant it grows on

tomb (to͞om) ***n.*** [< Gr *tymbos*] a vault or grave for the dead

tom·boy (täm′boi′) ***n.*** a girl who behaves like an active boy

tomb·stone (to͞om′stōn′) ***n.*** a stone or monument marking a tomb or grave

tom·cat (täm′kat′) ***n.*** a male cat

tome (tōm) ***n.*** [< Gr *tomos*, piece cut off] a book, esp. a large one

tom·fool·er·y (täm′fo͞o′lər ē) ***n., pl.*** **-ies** foolish behavior; silliness

tom·my gun (täm′ē) [*sometimes* **T- g-**] a submachine gun

to·mog·ra·phy (tə mäg′rə fē) ***n.*** [< Gr *temnein*, to cut + -GRAPHY] an X-ray process for producing an image of a single plane of an object, used in medical diagnosis

to·mor·row (tə mär′ō, -môr′-) ***adv.*** [OE *to morgen*] on the day after today —***n.*** the day after today

tom·tit (täm tit′, täm′tit′) ***n.*** [Chiefly Brit.] a titmouse or other small bird

tom-tom (täm′täm′) ***n.*** [Hindi *ṭamṭam*] a simple kind of drum, usually beaten with the hands

-to·my (tə mē) [< Gr < *tomē*, a cutting] *combining form* a surgical operation

ton (tun) ***n.*** [var. of TUN] **1** a unit of weight equal to 2,000 pounds **2** in Great Britain, a unit of weight equal to 2,240 pounds

ton·al (tō′nəl) ***adj.*** of a tone —**ton′al·ly** ***adv.***

to·nal·i·ty (tō nal′ə tē) ***n., pl.*** **-ties** *Music* **1** KEY[1] (*n.* 6) **2** tonal character, as determined by the relationship of the tones to the keynote

tone (tōn) ***n.*** [< Gr *teinein*, to stretch] **1** a vocal or musical sound, or its quality as to pitch, intensity, etc. **2** a manner of expression showing a certain attitude *[*a friendly *tone]* **3** style, character, spirit, etc. **4** elegance **5** a quality of color; shade **6** normal, healthy condition of a muscle, organ, etc. **7** *Music* *a*) a sound of distinct pitch *b*) any of the full intervals of a diatonic scale —***vt.*** **toned, ton′ing** to give a tone to —**tone down** (or **up**) to give a less (or more) intense tone to —**tone′less** ***adj.***

tone′arm′ ***n.*** the pivoted arm beside a phonograph turntable, holding the stylus

tone′-deaf′ ***adj.*** not able to distinguish differences in musical pitch

ton·er (tō′nər) ***n.*** **1** the black or colored powder used to form images in xerography **2** a facial cleanser

tone row (or **series**) see TWELVE-TONE

tong (tôŋ, täŋ) ***n.*** [Mandarin *t'ang*, meeting place] a Chinese association, society, etc.

Ton·ga (täŋ′gə) kingdom on a group of islands (**Tonga Islands**) in the SW Pacific, east of Fiji: 289 sq. mi.; pop. 95,000 —**Ton′gan** ***n.***

tongs (tôŋz, täŋz) ***pl.n.*** [OE *tange*] [*sometimes with sing. v.*] a device for seizing or lifting objects, having two long arms pivoted or hinged together

tongue (tuŋ) ***n.*** [OE *tunge*] **1** the movable, muscular structure in the mouth, used in eating, tasting, and (in humans) speaking **2** talk; speech **3** the act, power, or manner of speaking **4** a language or dialect **5** something like a tongue in shape, position, use, etc., as the flap under the laces of a shoe —**hold one's tongue** to keep from speaking —**speak in tongues** to utter unintelligible sounds, as while in a religious trance —(**with**) **tongue in cheek** in a

humorously ironic or insincere way — **tongue'less** *adj.*

tongue'-and-groove' joint a kind of joint in which a projection on one board fits into a groove in another

tongue'-lash'ing *n.* [Inf.] a harsh scolding or reproving; reprimand

tongue'-tied' *adj.* speechless from amazement, embarrassment, etc.

tongue twister a phrase or sentence hard to say fast (Ex: six sick sheiks)

ton·ic (tän'ik) *adj.* [see TONE] **1** of or producing good muscular tone **2** *Music* designating or based on a keynote —*n.* **1** anything that invigorates, as a drug or medicine **2** a quinine-flavored beverage served with gin, vodka, etc. **3** *Music* a keynote

to·night (tə nīt') *adv.* [OE *to niht*] on or during the present or coming night —*n.* the present or coming night

ton·nage (tun'ij) *n.* **1** the total amount of shipping of a country or port, calculated in tons **2** the carrying capacity of a ship, calculated in tons

ton·sil (tän'səl) *n.* [L *tonsillae*, pl.] either of a pair of oval masses of tissue at the back of the mouth

ton·sil·lec·to·my (tän'sə lek'tə mē) *n.*, *pl.* **-mies** [prec. + -ECTOMY] the surgical removal of the tonsils

ton'sil·li'tis (-līt'is) *n.* [ModL < L *tonsillae*, tonsils + -ITIS] inflammation of the tonsils

ton·so·ri·al (tän sôr'ē əl) *adj.* [see fol.] of a barber or barbering: often humorous *[a tonsorial* artist*]*

ton·sure (tän'shər) *n.* [< L *tondere*, to clip] **1** a shaving off of part of the hair of the head, done as a sign of entrance into the clerical or monastic state **2** the head area so shaved

to·nus (tō'nəs) *n.* [ModL, ult. < Gr *teinein*, to stretch] the slight, continuous contraction characteristic of a normal relaxed muscle

ton·y (tō'nē) *adj.* **-i·er, -i·est** [Slang] very elegant

too (to͞o) *adv.* [stressed form of TO] **1** in addition; also **2** more than enough *[*the hat is *too* big*]* **3** extremely; very *[*it was just *too* delicious!*]*

took (to͝ok) *vt.*, *vi. pt. of* TAKE

tool (to͞ol) *n.* [OE *tol*] **1** any hand implement, instrument, etc. used for some work **2** any similar instrument that is the working part of a machine, as a drill **3** anything that serves as a means **4** a stooge —*vt.* to impress designs on (leather, etc.) with a tool —*vi.* to install the tocls, equipment, etc. needed: often with *up*

toot (to͞ot) *vi.*, *vt.* [echoic] to sound (a horn, whistle, etc.) in short blasts —*n.* a short blast of a horn, whistle, etc.

tooth (to͞oth) *n.*, *pl.* **teeth** (tēth) [OE *toth*] **1** any of the hard, bonelike structures in the jaws, used for biting, chewing, etc. **2** a toothlike part, as on a saw, comb, gearwheel, etc.; tine, prong, cog, etc. **3** [*pl.*] effective means of enforcement *[*a law with *teeth]* —**tooth and nail** with all one's strength —**toothed** *adj.* —**tooth'less** *adj.*

tooth'ache' *n.* pain in a tooth

tooth'brush' *n.* a small brush for cleaning the teeth

tooth'paste' *n.* a paste used for brushing the teeth

tooth'pick' *n.* a very small, pointed stick for getting bits of food free from between the teeth

tooth powder a powder used like toothpaste

tooth'some (-səm) *adj.* tasty; savory

tooth'y *adj.* **-i·er, -i·est** having or exposing teeth that show prominently — **tooth'i·ly** *adv.*

top[1] (täp) *n.* [OE] **1** the head or crown **2** the highest point or surface of anything **3** the part of a plant above ground **4** the uppermost part or covering, as a lid, cap, etc. **5** the highest degree *[*at the *top* of his voice*]* **6** the highest rank *[*the *top* of the class*]* —*adj.* of, at, or being the top; highest or foremost —*vt.* **topped, top'ping** **1** to take off the top of (a plant, etc.) **2** to provide with a top **3** to be a top for **4** to reach the top of **5** to exceed in amount, etc. **6** to surpass; outdo —**blow one's top** [Slang] to lose one's temper —**on top** successful —**on top of** **1** resting upon **2** besides **3** controlling successfully — **top off** to complete by adding a finishing touch —**top'per** *n.*

top[2] (täp) *n.* [OE] a cone-shaped toy with a point upon which it is spun

to·paz (tō'paz') *n.* [< Gr *topazos*] any of various yellow gems, esp. a variety of aluminum silicate

top brass [Slang] important officials

top'coat' *n.* a lightweight overcoat

top'-drawer' (-drôr') *adj.* of first importance

top'-dress'ing *n.* material applied to a surface, as fertilizer on land

To·pe·ka (tə pē'kə) capital of Kansas: pop. 120,000

top·er (tō'pər) *n.* [< archaic *tope*, to drink (much liquor)] a drunkard

top'-flight' *adj.* [Inf.] first-rate

top hat a man's tall, black, cylindrical silk hat, worn in formal dress

top'-heav'y *adj.* too heavy at the top, so as to be unstable

top·ic (täp'ik) *n.* [ult. < Gr *topos*, place] the subject of an essay, speech, discussion, etc.

top'i·cal *adj.* dealing with topics of the day; of current or local interest

top'knot' *n.* a tuft of hair or feathers on the top of the head

top'less *adj.* without a top: said as of a costume exposing the breasts

top-lev·el (täp'lev'əl) *adj.* of or by persons of the highest office or rank

top'mast' *n.* the second mast above the deck of a sailing ship, supported by the lower mast

top'most' *adj.* at the very top

top'-notch' *adj.* [Inf.] first-rate; excellent

to·pog·ra·phy (tə päg'rə fē) *n.*, *pl.* **-phies** [see TOPIC & -GRAPHY] **1** the sci-

ence of representing surface features of a region on maps and charts **2** these surface features —**top·o·graph·ic** (täp′ə graf′ik) or **top′o·graph′i·cal** ***adj.***

top·ping (täp′iŋ) ***n.*** something put on top of something else, as a sauce on food

top·ple (täp′əl) ***vi.*** **-pled, -pling** [< TOP[1]] to fall top forward; fall (*over*) because top-heavy, etc. —***vt.*** to cause to topple; overturn

top·sail (täp′sāl′; *naut.*, -səl) ***n.*** in a square-rigged vessel, the square sail next above the lowest sail on a mast

top′-se′cret ***adj.*** designating or of the most secret information

top·side (täp′sīd′) ***adv.*** on or to an upper deck or the main deck of a ship

top′soil′ ***n.*** the upper layer of soil, usually richer than the subsoil

top·sy-tur·vy (täp′sē tur′vē) ***adv., adj.*** [prob. < *top*, highest part + ME *terven*, to roll] **1** upside down; in a reversed condition **2** in disorder

toque (tōk) ***n.*** [Fr] a woman's small, round, usually brimless hat

To·rah or **To·ra** (tō′rə, tôr′ə) [*occas.* **t-**] ***n.*** [< Heb, law] **1** the body of Jewish religious literature **2** the Pentateuch

torch (tôrch) ***n.*** [see TORQUE] **1** a portable flaming light **2** a device for producing a very hot flame, as in welding **3** [Brit.] a flashlight —***vt.*** [Slang] to set fire to, as in arson

torch′bear′er ***n.*** **1** one who carries a torch **2** *a*) one who brings enlightenment, truth, etc. *b*) an inspirational leader, as in some movement

torch′light′ ***n.*** the light of a torch or torches —***adj.*** done by torchlight

torch song a sentimental song of unrequited love —**torch singer**

tore (tôr) ***vt., vi.*** *pt. of* TEAR[1]

tor·e·a·dor (tôr′ē ə dôr′) ***n.*** [Sp < L *taurus*, a bull] a bullfighter

tor·ment (tôr′ment′; *for v.* tôr ment′) ***n.*** [OFr < L: see TORQUE] **1** great pain or anguish **2** a source of pain, anxiety, etc. —***vt.*** **1** to cause great physical pain or mental anguish in **2** to annoy; harass —**tor·ment′ing·ly** ***adv.*** —**tor·men′tor** or **tor·ment′er** ***n.***

torn (tôrn) ***vt., vi.*** *pp. of* TEAR[1]

tor·na·do (tôr nā′dō) ***n.***, *pl.* **-does** or **-dos** [< Sp < L *tonare*, to thunder] a violently whirling column of air seen as a funnel-shaped cloud that usually destroys everything in its narrow path

To·ron·to (tə ränt′ō) capital of Ontario, Canada: pop. 654,000 (met. area, 4,264,000)

tor·pe·do (tôr pē′dō) ***n.***, *pl.* **-does** [< L: see fol.] **1** a large, cigar-shaped, self-propelled underwater projectile containing explosives **2** any of various explosive devices —***vt.*** **-doed, -do·ing** to attack, destroy, etc. as with a torpedo

tor·pid (tôr′pid) ***adj.*** [< L *torpere*, be numb] **1** dormant or inactive **2** dull; sluggish

tor′por (-pər) ***n.*** [L] **1** a torpid state; sluggishness; stupor **2** dullness; apathy

torque (tôrk) ***n.*** [< L *torquere*, to twist] **1** *Physics* a measure of the tendency of a force to cause rotation **2** popularly, the force that acts to produce rotation, as in an automotive vehicle

tor·rent (tôr′ənt, tär′-) ***n.*** [< L *torrens*, rushing] **1** a swift, violent stream, esp. of water **2** a flood or rush of words, mail, etc. —**tor·ren·tial** (tô ren′shəl) ***adj.***

tor·rid (tôr′id, tär′-) ***adj.*** [< L *torrere*, to dry] **1** subjected to intense heat, esp. of the sun; parched **2** very hot; scorching **3** passionate; ardent

Torrid Zone the area of the earth's surface between the Tropic of Cancer & the Tropic of Capricorn and divided by the equator

tor·sion (tôr′shən) ***n.*** [see TORQUE] **1** a twisting or being twisted **2** the stress produced in a rod, wire, etc. by twisting along a longitudinal axis

tor·so (tôr′sō) ***n.***, *pl.* **-sos** or **-si** (-sē) [< Gr *thyrsos*, a stem] the trunk of the human body

tort (tôrt) ***n.*** [< L *torquere*, to twist] *Law* a wrongful act or damage (not involving a breach of contract), for which a civil action can be brought

torte (tôrt; *Ger* tôr′tə) ***n.***, *pl.* **tortes** or Ger. ***tor·ten*** (tôr′tən) [Ger < It < LL *torta*, a twisted bread] a rich cake, as one made of eggs, finely chopped nuts, crumbs, etc.

tor·tel·li·ni (tôrt′ə lē′nē) ***n.*** [It] pasta in tiny ring-shaped pieces, filled with meat, etc.

tor·til·la (tôr tē′ə) ***n.*** [Sp, dim. of *torta*, a cake] a flat cake of unleavened cornmeal, or of flour

tor·toise (tôrt′əs) ***n.*** [< ? *c.* 4th-c. Gr *tartarouchos*, evil demon] a turtle, esp. one that lives on land

tor′toise·shell′ ***n.*** **1** the hard, mottled, yellow-and-brown shell of some turtles **2** a synthetic substance resembling this

tor·to·ni (tôr tō′nē) ***n.*** [prob. alt. < It *tortone*, lit., big pastry tart] an ice cream made with heavy cream, maraschino cherries, almonds, etc.

tor·tu·ous (tôr′chōō əs) ***adj.*** [see TORQUE] **1** full of twists, turns, etc.; crooked **2** deceitful or tricky

tor·ture (tôr′chər) ***n.*** [see TORQUE] **1** the inflicting of severe pain, as to elicit information or force a confession **2** any severe physical or mental pain; agony —***vt.*** **-tured, -tur·ing** **1** to subject to torture **2** to twist or distort (meaning, etc.) —**tor′tur·er** ***n.***

To·ry (tôr′ē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ries** [Ir *tōruidhe*, robber] **1** after 1689, a member of the major conservative party of England **2** in the American Revolution, one loyal to Great Britain **3** [*often* **t-**] any extreme conservative

toss (tôs, täs) ***vt.*** [prob. < Scand] **1** to throw about *[*waves *tossed* the boat*]* **2** to throw lightly from the hand **3** to jerk upward *[*to *toss* one's head*]* —***vi.*** **1** to be thrown about **2** to fling oneself about in sleep, etc. —***n.*** a tossing or being tossed

toss′up′ ***n.*** **1** the flipping of a coin to decide something **2** an even chance

tot[1] (tät) ***n.*** [prob. < ON] **1** a young child **2** [Chiefly Brit.] a small drink of alcoholic liquor

tot[2] (tät) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** **tot'ted**, **tot'ting** [Inf., Chiefly Brit.] to total: with *up*

to·tal (tōt'l) ***adj.*** [< L *totus*, all] **1** constituting a whole **2** complete; utter *[a total* loss*]* —***n.*** the whole amount; sum —***vt.*** **-taled** or **-talled**, **-tal·ing** or **-tal·ling** **1** to find the total of **2** to add up to **3** [Slang] to demolish —**to'tal·ly** ***adv.***

to·tal·i·tar·i·an (tō tal'ə ter'ē ən) ***adj.*** [prec. + (AUTHOR)ITARIAN] designating or of a government in which one political group maintains complete control, esp. under a dictator —***n.*** one who favors such a government —**to·tal'i·tar'i·an·ism'** ***n.***

to·tal·i·ty (tō tal'ə tē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ties** the total amount or sum

to·tal·i·za·tor (tōt'l i zāt'ər) ***n.*** a machine for registering bets and computing the odds and payoffs, as at a horse race: also **to'tal·iz'er** (-ī'zər) ***n.***

tote (tōt) ***vt.*** **tot'ed**, **tot'ing** [< ?] [Inf.] to carry or haul —***n.*** **1** a small piece of luggage **2** a large, open handbag: in full **tote bag**

to·tem (tōt'əm) ***n.*** [< Algonquian] **1** among some peoples, an animal or natural object taken as the symbol of a family or clan **2** an image of this



TOTEM POLE

totem pole a pole carved and painted with totems by Indian tribes of NW North America

tot·ter (tät'ər) ***vi.*** [prob. < Scand] **1** to rock as if about to fall **2** to be unsteady on one's feet; stagger

tou·can (to͞o'kan') ***n.*** [< AmInd (Brazil)] a brightly colored bird of tropical America, with a very large beak

touch (tuch) ***vt.*** [< OFr *tochier*] **1** to put the hand, etc. on, so as to feel **2** to bring (something), or come, into contact with (something else) **3** to border on **4** to strike lightly **5** to give a light tint, aspect, etc. to *[touched* with pink*]* **6** to handle; use **7** to come up to; reach **8** to compare with; equal **9** to affect; concern **10** to arouse sympathy, gratitude, etc. in **11** [Slang] to seek a loan or gift of money from —***vi.*** **1** to touch a person or thing **2** to be or come in contact **3** to verge (*on* or *upon*) **4** to pertain; bear (*on* or *upon*) **5** to treat in passing: with *on* or *upon* —***n.*** **1** a touching or being touched; specif., a light tap **2** the sense by which physical objects are felt **3** a special quality or skill **4** a subtle change or addition in a painting, story, etc. **5** a trace, tinge, etc. **6** a slight attack *[a touch* of the flu*]* **7** contact or communication *[*keep in *touch]* **8** [Slang] the act of seeking or getting a loan or gift of money **9** *Music* the manner of striking the keys of a piano, etc. —**touch down** to land: said of an aircraft or spacecraft —**touch up** to improve by minor changes

touch'-and-go' ***adj.*** uncertain, risky, etc.

touch'down' ***n.*** **1** the moment at which an aircraft or spacecraft lands **2** *Football* a play, scoring six points, in which a player carries, catches, or recovers the ball past the opponent's goal line

tou·ché (to͞o shā') ***interj.*** [Fr] touched: said when one's opponent in fencing scores a point, or as to acknowledge a clever retort

touched (tucht) ***adj.*** **1** emotionally affected; moved **2** slightly demented

touch'ing ***adj.*** arousing tender emotions; moving

touch'stone' ***n.*** **1** a stone formerly used to test the purity of gold or silver **2** any test of genuineness

touch'-type' ***vi.*** **-typed'**, **-typ'ing** to type without looking at the keyboard by regularly touching a given key with a specific finger

touch'y ***adj.*** **-i·er**, **-i·est** **1** easily offended; oversensitive; irritable **2** very risky or precarious

touch'y-feel'y (-fē'lē) ***adj.*** [Inf.] having or showing too much affection, compassion, etc.

tough (tuf) ***adj.*** [OE *toh*] **1** that will bend, etc. without tearing or breaking **2** not easily cut or chewed *[tough* steak*]* **3** strong; hardy **4** stubborn **5** brutal or rough **6** very difficult; laborious —***n.*** a tough person; thug

tough'en ***vt.***, ***vi.*** to make or become tough or tougher —**tough'en·er** ***n.***

tou·pee (to͞o pā') ***n.*** [< Fr < OFr *toup*, tuft of hair] a man's small wig

tour (to͝or) ***n.*** [< OFr *tourner*, to turn] **1** a turn, period, etc., as of military duty **2** a long trip, as for sightseeing **3** any trip, as for inspection, for giving performances, etc. —***vt.***, ***vi.*** to go on a tour (through)

tour de force (to͝or' də fôrs') *pl.* **tours de force** (to͝or') [Fr] an unusually skillful or ingenious creation or performance, sometimes a merely clever one

Tou·rette's syndrome (to͞o rets') [after G. de la *Tourette*, 19th-c. Fr doctor] a nervous disorder characterized by involuntary movements, obscene utterances, etc.

tour'ism' ***n.*** tourist travel

tour'ist ***n.*** one who tours, esp. for pleasure —***adj.*** of or for tourists

tour·ma·line (to͝or'mə lin, -lēn') ***n.*** [Fr] a crystalline mineral used as a gemstone, etc.

tour·na·ment (to͝or'nə mənt, tur'-) ***n.*** [< OFr *tourner*, to turn] **1** in the Middle Ages, a contest between knights on horseback who tried to unseat one another with lances **2** a series of contests in competition for a championship Also **tour'ney** (-nē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-neys**

tour′ni·quet (toor′ni kit, tur′-) ***n.*** [Fr < L *tunica*, tunic] a device for compressing a blood vessel to stop bleeding, as a bandage twisted about a limb and released at intervals

tou·sle (tou′zəl) ***vt.*** **-sled**, **-sling** [< ME *tusen*, to pull] to disorder, dishevel, muss, etc.

tout (tout) [Inf.] ***vi.***, ***vt.*** [OE *totian*, to peep] **1** to praise highly **2** to sell betting tips on (racehorses) —***n.*** one who touts

tow (tō) ***vt.*** [OE *togian*] to pull, as by a rope or chain —***n.*** **1** a towing or being towed **2** something towed **3** TOWLINE —**in tow** **1** being towed **2** in one's company or charge

toward (tôrd, twôrd) ***prep.*** [see TO & -WARD] **1** in the direction of **2** facing **3** along a likely course to *[*steps *toward* peace*]* **4** concerning **5** just before *[toward* noon*]* **6** for *[*save *toward* a car*]* Also **towards**

tow·el (tou′əl) ***n.*** [< OFr *toaille*] a piece of cloth or paper for wiping or drying things —***vt.*** **-eled** or **-elled**, **-el·ing** or **-el·ling** to wipe or dry with a towel — **throw** (or **toss**, etc.) **in the towel** [Inf.] to admit defeat

tow′el·ing or **tow′el·ling** ***n.*** material for making towels

tow·er (tou′ər) ***n.*** [< L *turris*] **1** a high structure, often part of a building **2** such a structure used as a fortress, etc. —***vi.*** to rise high like a tower —**tow′er·ing** ***adj.***

tow·head (tō′hed′) ***n.*** [< *tow*, fibers of flax, etc.] a person with pale-yellow hair —**tow′head′ed** ***adj.***

tow·hee (tō′hē, -ē) ***n.*** [echoic] any of various small North American sparrows

tow·line (tō′līn′) ***n.*** a rope, etc. used for towing

town (toun) ***n.*** [OE *tun*] **1** a concentration of houses, etc. somewhat larger than a village **2** a city **3** a township **4** the business center of a city **5** the people of a town —**on the town** [Inf.] out for a good time

town crier one who, formerly, cried public announcements through the streets of a village or town

town hall a building in a town, housing the offices of officials, etc.

town house a two-story or three-story dwelling, a unit in a complex of such dwellings

town meeting a meeting of the voters of a town, as in New England

town′ship ***n.*** a division of a county, constituting a unit of local government

towns′peo′ple ***pl.n.*** the people of a town: also **towns′folk′**

tow·path (tō′path′) ***n.*** a path along a canal, used by men or animals towing freight-carrying boats

tow′rope′ ***n.*** a rope used in towing

tox·e·mi·a (täk sē′mē ə) ***n.*** [see fol. & -EMIA] a condition in which the blood contains poisonous substances, esp. toxins produced by pathogenic bacteria

tox·ic (täk′sik) ***adj.*** [< Gr *toxicon*, a poison] **1** of, affected by, or caused by a toxin **2** poisonous

tox·i·col·o·gy (täk′si käl′ə jē) ***n.*** [see prec. & -LOGY] the science of poisons and their effects, antidotes, etc. —**tox′i·col′o·gist** ***n.***

tox·in (täk′sin) ***n.*** [< TOXIC] **1** any of various poisons produced by microorganisms and causing certain diseases **2** any poison secreted by plants or animals

toy (toi) ***n.*** [< ? MDu *toi*, finery] **1** a trifle **2** a plaything for children —***adj.*** **1** like a plaything in size, use, etc. **2** made as a toy —***vi.*** to trifle (*with* a thing, an idea, etc.)

tr *abbrev.* **1** translated **2** translation **3** translator **4** transpose

trace[1] (trās) ***n.*** [< L *trahere*, to draw] **1** a mark, track, sign, etc. left by a person, animal, or thing **2** a barely perceptible amount —***vt.*** **traced**, **trac′ing** **1** to follow the trail of; track **2** *a*) to follow the development or history of *b*) to determine (a source, etc.) by this procedure **3** to draw, outline, etc. **4** to copy (a drawing, etc.) by following its lines on a superimposed transparent sheet —**trace′a·ble** ***adj.*** —**trac′er** ***n.***

trace[2] (trās) ***n.*** [see TRAIT] either of two straps, etc. connecting a draft animal's harness to the vehicle drawn

trace element a chemical element, as copper, zinc, etc., essential in nutrition, but only in minute amounts

trac·er·y (trās′ər ē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ies** [< TRACE[1] + -ERY] ornamental work of interlacing or branching lines

tra·che·a (trā′kē ə) ***n.***, *pl.* **-che·ae′** (-ē′) or **-che·as** [< Gr *tracheia* (*arteria*), rough (windpipe)] the passage that conveys air from the larynx to the bronchi; windpipe —**tra′che·al** ***adj.***

tra·che·ot·o·my (trā′kē ät′ə mē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-mies** [see prec. & -TOMY] an incision of the trachea to aid breathing in an emergency

trac·ing (trās′iŋ) ***n.*** something traced; specif., *a*) a copy of a drawing, etc. *b*) a traced line made by a recording instrument

track (trak) ***n.*** [< Fr *trac*] **1** a mark left in passing, as a footprint, wheel rut, etc. **2** a path or trail **3** a sequence of ideas, events, etc. **4** a path or circuit laid out for racing, etc. **5** a pair of parallel metal rails on which trains, etc. run **6** *a*) sports performed on a track, as running, hurdling, etc. *b*) these sports along with other contests in jumping, throwing, etc. **7** *a*) a band on a phonograph record, compact disc, etc. *b*) any of the separate, parallel recording surfaces along a magnetic tape —***vt.*** **1** to follow the track of **2** to trace by means of evidence, etc. **3** to plot the path of, as with radar **4** to leave tracks of (mud, etc.) on: often with *up* —**in one's tracks** where one is at the moment —**keep** (or **lose**) **track of** to stay (or fail to stay) informed about —**track′less** ***adj.***

track lighting a method of lighting a room with spotlights inserted along a

narrow, wired track

track record [Inf.] the record of the performance of a person, etc. as in some activity

tract[1] (trakt) ***n.*** [< L *trahere*, to draw] **1** a continuous expanse of land **2** a system of organs having some special function *[*the digestive *tract]*

tract[2] (trakt) ***n.*** [< LL *tractatus*, treatise] a propagandizing pamphlet

trac·ta·ble (trak′tə bəl) ***adj.*** [< L *trahere*, to draw] easily managed; docile; compliant

tract house a house built to a design that is used many times throughout a housing development

trac·tion (trak′shən) ***n.*** [< L *trahere*, to draw] **1** *a*) a pulling or drawing *b*) a being pulled or drawn *c*) the kind of power used for pulling *[*electric *traction]* **2** the power, as of tires on pavement, to hold to a surface without slipping

trac·tor (trak′tər) ***n.*** [see prec.] **1** a powerful, motor-driven vehicle for pulling farm machinery, etc. **2** a truck with a driver's cab and no body, for hauling large trailers

trac′tor-trail′er ***n.*** a TRACTOR (sense 2) combined with a trailer or semitrailer, used for transporting goods

trade (trād) ***n.*** [< LowG, a track] **1** occupation; esp., skilled work **2** all the persons in a particular business **3** buying and selling; commerce **4** customers **5** an exchange; swap —***vi.*** **trad′ed**, **trad′ing** **1** to carry on a business **2** to have business dealings (*with*) **3** to make an exchange (*with*) **4** [Inf.] to be a customer (*at* a certain store) —***vt.*** to exchange; barter —**trade on** (or **upon**) to take advantage of

trade′-in′ ***n.*** a thing given or taken as part payment for something else

trade journal (or **magazine**) a magazine devoted to a specific trade or industry

trade′mark′ ***n.*** **1** a symbol, word, etc. used by a manufacturer or dealer to distinguish a product: usually protected by law **2** [Inf.] a distinctive, identifying feature or characteristic

trade name **1** the name by which a commodity is commonly known by those who deal in it **2** a name used as a trademark **3** the business name of a company

trade′-off′ ***n.*** an exchange in which one benefit is given up for another considered more desirable: also **trade′off′**

trad′er ***n.*** **1** one who trades; merchant **2** a ship used in trade

trades·man (trādz′mən) ***n.***, *pl.* **-men** (-mən) [Chiefly Brit.] a storekeeper —**trades′wom′an**, *pl.* **-wom′en**, ***fem.n.***

trade union LABOR UNION

trade wind a wind that blows toward the equator from either side of it

trading post a store in an outpost, settlement, etc., where trading is done

tra·di·tion (trə dish′ən) ***n.*** [< L *tradere*, deliver] **1** the handing down orally of beliefs, customs, etc. from generation to generation **2** a story, belief, custom, etc. handed down in this way

tra·di′tion·al ***adj.*** of, handed down by, or conforming to tradition

tra·di′tion·al·ism′ ***n.*** adherence to tradition; sometimes, specif., excessive devotion to tradition —**tra·di′tion·al·ist** ***n.***

tra·duce (trə do͞os′, -dyo͞os′) ***vt.*** **-duced′**, **-duc′ing** [< L *trans*, across + *ducere*, to lead] to slander

traf·fic (traf′ik) ***n.*** [< It *traffico* < L *trans*, across +It *ficcare*, bring] **1** buying and selling; trade **2** dealings (*with* someone) **3** the movement or number of automobiles, pedestrians, etc. along a street, etc. **4** the business done by a transportation company —***adj.*** of or having to do with traffic —***vi.*** **-ficked**, **-fick·ing** **1** to carry on traffic (*in* a commodity) **2** to have dealings (*with* someone)

traffic circle a circular road at the intersection of several streets: vehicles move on it in one direction only

traffic light (or **signal**) a set of signal lights at a street intersection for regulating traffic

tra·ge·di·an (trə jē′dē ən) ***n.*** **1** a writer of tragedy **2** an actor in tragedies

trag·e·dy (traj′ə dē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-dies** [< Gr *tragos*, goat + *ōidē*, song] **1** a serious play with an unhappy ending **2** a very sad or tragic event; disaster

trag·ic (traj′ik) ***adj.*** **1** of or like a tragedy **2** disastrous, fatal, etc. —**trag′i·cal·ly** ***adv.***

trail (trāl) ***vt.*** [< L *trahere*, to draw] **1** to drag or let drag behind one **2** to follow the tracks of; track **3** to hunt by tracking **4** to follow behind —***vi.*** **1** to drag along on the ground, etc. **2** to grow along the ground, etc., as some plants do **3** to flow behind: said as of smoke **4** to follow or lag behind; straggle **5** to grow weaker, dimmer, etc.: with *off* or *away* —***n.*** **1** something that trails behind **2** a mark, scent, etc. left by a person, animal, or thing that has passed **3** a beaten path

trail bike a small motorcycle for off-road riding

trail′blaz′er ***n.*** **1** one who blazes a trail **2** a pioneer in any field

trail′er ***n.*** **1** one that trails **2** *a*) a wagon, van, etc. designed to be pulled by an automobile, truck, etc. *b*) such a vehicle designed to be lived in

trailer park an area, usually with piped water, electricity, etc., for trailers, esp. mobile homes

trail mix GORP

train (trān) ***n.*** [< L *trahere*, to pull] **1** something that drags along behind, as a trailing skirt **2** a group of followers; retinue **3** a procession; caravan **4** any connected order; sequence *[*a *train* of thought*]* **5** a line of connected railroad cars pulled by a locomotive —***vt.*** **1** to guide the growth of (a plant) **2** to guide the mental, moral, etc. development of; rear **3** to instruct so as to make proficient **4** to make fit for an athletic contest, etc. **5** to aim (a gun, etc.) —***vi.*** to

undergo training —**train·ee** (trān ē′) ***n.*** —**train′er** ***n.***

traipse (trāps) ***vi., vt.*** **traipsed, traips′ing** [< ?] [Inf. or Dial.] to walk, wander, or tramp

trait (trāt) ***n.*** [< L *trahere*, to draw] a distinguishing quality or characteristic

trai·tor (trāt′ər) ***n.*** [< L *tradere*, betray] one who betrays one's country, cause, friends, etc. —**trai′tor·ous** ***adj.***

tra·jec·to·ry (trə jek′tə rē) ***n., pl.*** **-ries** [ult. < L *trans*, across + *jacere*, to throw] the curved path of something hurtling through space

tram (tram) ***n.*** [prob. < LowG *traam*, a beam] [Brit.] a streetcar

tram·mel (tram′əl) ***n.*** [< L *tres*, three + *macula*, a mesh] [*usually pl.*] something that confines or restrains —***vt.*** **-meled** or **-melled, -mel·ing** or **-mel·ling** to confine, restrain, etc.

tramp (tramp) ***vi.*** [ME *trampen*] **1** to walk or step heavily **2** to travel about on foot —***vt.*** **1** to step on heavily **2** to walk through —***n.*** **1** a vagrant; hobo **2** the sound of heavy steps **3** a journey on foot; hike **4** a freight ship with no schedule, that picks up cargo, etc. as it goes along **5** [Slang] a sexually promiscuous woman

tram·ple (tram′pəl) ***vi.*** **-pled, -pling** [see prec.] to tread heavily —***vt.*** to crush, destroy, etc. by or as by treading heavily on

tram·po·line (tram′pə lēn′, -lin) ***n.*** [< It] a sheet of strong canvas stretched tightly on a frame with springs, used in acrobatic tumbling and jumping

trance (trans) ***n.*** [< L *transire*, go across, die] **1** a state of altered consciousness, resembling sleep, as in hypnosis **2** a daze; stupor **3** a state of great mental abstraction

tran·quil (traŋ′kwəl) ***adj.*** **-quil·er** or **-quil·ler, -quil·est** or **-quil·lest** [L *tranquillus*] calm, serene, placid, etc. —**tran·quil′li·ty** or **tran·quil′i·ty** (-kwil′ə tē) ***n.*** —**tran′quil·ly** ***adv.***

tran′quil·ize′ or **tran′quil·lize′** (-kwə līz′) ***vt., vi.*** **-ized′** or **-lized′, -iz′ing** or **-liz′ing** to make or become tranquil

tran′quil·iz′er or **tran′quil·liz′er** ***n.*** a drug used as a calming agent in treating various emotional disturbances, etc.

trans *abbrev.* **1** translated **2** translation **3** translator **4** transportation

trans- [L < *trans*, across] *prefix* over, across, beyond, through

trans·act (tran zakt′, -sakt′) ***vt.*** [< L *trans-*, over + *agere*, to drive] to carry on or complete (business, etc.)

trans·ac′tion ***n.*** **1** a transacting **2** something transacted; specif., *a*) a business deal *b*) [*pl.*] a record of the proceedings of a society, etc.

trans·at·lan·tic (trans′at lan′tik, tranz′-) ***adj.*** **1** crossing the Atlantic **2** on the other side of the Atlantic

trans·ceiv·er (tran sē′vər) ***n.*** a radio transmitter and receiver in a single housing

tran·scend (tran send′) ***vt.*** [< L *trans-*, over + *scandere*, climb] **1** to go beyond the limits of; exceed **2** to surpass; excel —**tran·scend′ent** ***adj.***

tran·scen·den·tal (tran′sen dent′′l) ***adj.*** **1** supernatural **2** abstract —**tran′scen·den′tal·ly** ***adv.***

tran′scen·den′tal·ism′ ***n.*** [*often* **T-**] a philosophy based on a search for reality through spiritual intuition

trans·con·ti·nen·tal (trans′kän tə nent′ ′l, tranz′-) ***adj.*** **1** that crosses a continent **2** on the other side of a continent

tran·scribe (tran skrīb′) ***vt.*** **-scribed′, -scrib′ing** **1** to write out or type out in full (shorthand notes, etc.) **2** to represent (speech sounds) in symbols

tran·script (tran′skript′) ***n.*** **1** a written, typewritten, or printed copy **2** a copy, esp. an official copy, as of a student's record

tran·scrip′tion (-skrip′shən) ***n.*** **1** a transcribing **2** a transcript; copy **3** an arrangement of a piece of music for an instrument or voice other than that for which it was written

trans·duc·er (trans do͞os′ər, tranz-) ***n.*** [< L *trans-*, over + *ducere*, to lead] a device that transmits energy from one system to another, sometimes converting the energy to a different form

tran·sept (tran′sept′) ***n.*** [< L *trans-*, across + *septum*, enclosure] the part of a cross-shaped church at right angles to the nave, or either of its arms

trans·fer (trans′fər) ***vt.*** **-ferred, -fer·ring** [< L *trans-*, across + *ferre*, to bear] **1** to carry, send, etc. to another person or place **2** to make over (property, etc.) to another **3** to convey (a picture, etc.) from one surface to another —***vi.*** **1** to transfer oneself or be transferred **2** to change as to another school or another bus —***n.*** **1** a transferring or being transferred **2** one that is transferred **3** a ticket entitling the bearer to change to another bus, etc. —**trans·fer′ral** (-fur′-) ***n.***

trans·fer·ence (trans′fər əns, trans fur′-) ***n.*** a transferring or being transferred

trans·fig·ure (trans fig′yər) ***vt.*** **-ured, -ur·ing** [< L *trans-*, across + *figura*, figure] **1** to change the form or appearance of **2** to transform so as to glorify —**trans·fig′u·ra′tion** ***n.***

trans·fix (trans fiks′) ***vt.*** [< L *trans-*, through + *figere*, to fix] **1** to pierce through; impale **2** to make motionless, as if impaled

trans·form (trans fôrm′) ***vt.*** [< L *trans-*, over + *forma*, a form] **1** to change the form or appearance of **2** to change the condition, nature, or function of —**trans′for·ma′tion** ***n.***

trans·form′er ***n.*** a device for changing electrical energy to a different voltage

trans·fuse′ (-fyo͞oz′) ***vt.*** **-fused′, -fus′ing** [< L *trans-*, across + *fundere*, pour] **1** to instill; imbue **2** to transfer (blood, etc.) into a blood vessel —**trans·fu′sion** ***n.***

trans·gress (trans gres′, tranz-) ***vt., vi.*** [< L *trans-*, over + *gradi*, to step] **1** to break (a law, command, etc.); sin (against) **2** to go beyond (a limit, etc.)

—**trans·gres′sion** (-gresh′ən) *n.* —**trans·gres′sor** *n.*

tran·sient (tran′shənt, -zē ənt) ***adj.*** [< L *trans-*, over + *ire*, to go] **1** passing away with time; temporary **2** passing quickly; fleeting **3** staying only a short time —***n.*** a transient person —**tran′sience** or **tran′sien·cy** ***n.***

tran·sis·tor (tran zis′tər, -sis′-) ***n.*** [TRAN(SFER) + (RE)SISTOR] a compact electronic device, composed of semiconductor material, that controls current flow —**tran·sis′tor·ize′**, **-ized′**, **-iz′ing**, ***vt.***

trans·it (tran′sit, -zit) ***n.*** [< L *trans-*, over + *ire*, to go] **1** passage through or across **2** *a*) a carrying through or across; conveyance *b*) a system of urban public transportation **3** a surveying instrument for measuring horizontal angles

tran·si·tion (tran zish′ən) ***n.*** a passing from one condition, place, etc. to another —**tran·si′tion·al** ***adj.***

tran·si·tive (tran′sə tiv, -zə-) ***adj.*** designating a verb that takes a direct object

tran·si·to·ry (tran′sə tôr′ē, -zə-) ***adj.*** not enduring; temporary; fleeting

transl *abbrev.* **1** translated **2** translation

trans·late (trans lāt′, tranz-) ***vt.*** **-lat′ed**, **-lat′ing** [< L *translatus*, transferred] **1** to move from one place or condition to another **2** to put into the words of a different language **3** to put into different words —**trans·la′tor** ***n.***

trans·la′tion ***n.*** **1** a translating **2** writing or speech translated into another language

trans·lit·er·ate (trans lit′ər āt′, tranz-) ***vt.*** **-at′ed**, **-at′ing** [< TRANS- + L *litera*, letter] to write (words, etc.) in the characters of another alphabet —**trans·lit′er·a′tion** ***n.***

trans·lu′cent (-lo͞o′sənt) ***adj.*** [< L *trans-*, through + *lucere*, to shine] letting light pass through, but not transparent

trans·mi′grate′ (-mī′grāt′) ***vi.*** **-grat′ed**, **-grat′ing** [see TRANS- & MIGRATE] to pass into another body at death: said of the soul, as in Hindu religious belief —**trans′mi·gra′tion** ***n.***

trans·mis′sion (-mish′ən) ***n.*** **1** a transmitting **2** something transmitted **3** the part of a motor vehicle that transmits power to the wheels

trans·mit′ (-mit′) ***vt.*** **-mit′ted**, **-mit′ting** [< L *trans-*, over + *mittere*, send] **1** to cause to go to another person or place; transfer **2** to hand down by heredity, inheritance, etc. **3** *a*) to pass (light, heat, etc.) through some medium *b*) to conduct *[*water *transmits* sound*]* **4** to convey (force, movement, etc.) to **5** to send out (radio or television broadcasts) —**trans·mis′si·ble** (-mis′ə bəl) ***adj.*** —**trans·mit′ta·ble** ***adj.*** —**trans·mit′tal** ***n.***

trans·mit′ter ***n.*** the apparatus that transmits signals in telephony, radio, etc.

trans·mute′ (-myo͞ot′) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** **-mut′ed**, **-mut′ing** [< L *trans-*, over + *mutare*, to change] to change from one form, nature, substance, etc. into another; transform —**trans′mu·ta′tion** ***n.***

trans·na′tion·al (-nash′ə nəl) ***adj.*** transcending the limits, interests, etc. of a single nation

trans′o′ce·an′ic (-ō′shē an′ik) ***adj.*** crossing the ocean

tran·som (tran′səm) ***n.*** [prob. < L *transtrum*, crossbeam] **1** a horizontal crossbar, as across the top of a door or window **2** a small window just above a door or window

trans·pa·cif·ic (trans′pə sif′ik) ***adj.*** **1** crossing the Pacific **2** on the other side of the Pacific

trans·par·en·cy (trans per′ən sē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-cies** a transparent film or slide having an image that can be projected on a screen

trans·par′ent ***adj.*** [< L *trans-*, through + *parere*, appear] **1** transmitting light rays so that objects on the other side can be seen clearly **2** so fine in texture as to be seen through **3** easily understood or detected; clear; obvious —**trans·par′ent·ly** ***adv.***

tran·spire (tran spīr′) ***vi.*** **-spired′**, **-spir′ing** [< L *trans-*, through + *spirare*, breathe] **1** to give off vapor, moisture, etc., as through pores **2** to become known **3** to happen

trans·plant (trans plant′; *also, and for n. always,* trans′plant′) ***vt.*** **1** to remove from one place and plant, resettle, etc. in another **2** *Surgery* to transfer (tissue or an organ) from one to another; graft —***n.*** a transplanting or something transplanted, as a body organ or a seedling —**trans′plan·ta′tion** (-plan tā′shən) ***n.***

tran·spon·der (tran spän′dər) ***n.*** [< TRAN(SMITTER) & RESPOND] a transceiver that automatically transmits signals

trans·port (trans pôrt′; *for n.* trans′ pôrt′) ***vt.*** [< L *trans-*, over + *portare*, carry] **1** to carry from one place to another **2** to carry away with emotion —***n.*** **1** a transporting; transportation **2** strong emotion, esp. joy **3** a vehicle for transporting

trans′por·ta′tion (-pər tā′shən) ***n.*** **1** a transporting or being transported **2** a means of conveyance **3** fare or a ticket for being transported

trans·pose (trans pōz′) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** **-posed′**, **-pos′ing** [see TRANS- & POSE] **1** to change the usual order or position of; interchange **2** to rewrite or play (a musical composition) in a different key —**trans′po·si′tion** (-pə zish′ən) ***n.***

trans·sex·u·al (trans sek′sho͞o əl) ***n.*** a person who identifies with the opposite sex, sometimes so strongly as to undergo sex-change surgery

trans·ship (trans ship′) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** **-shipped′**, **-ship′ping** to transfer from one ship, train, truck, etc. to another for further shipment —**trans·ship′ment** ***n.***

trans·verse (trans vʉrs′, tranz-; *also, and for n. usually*, trans′vʉrs′, tranz′-) ***adj.*** [< L *trans-*, across + *vertere*, to turn] situated across; crosswise —***n.*** a transverse part, etc.

trans·ves·tite (trans ves′tīt′, tranz-) ***n.***

[< TRANS- + L *vestire*, to dress] a person who gets sexual pleasure from dressing in the clothes of the opposite sex

trap (trap) *n.* [< OE *træppe*] **1** a device for catching animals, as one that snaps shut tightly when stepped on **2** any stratagem designed to catch or trick **3** a device, as in a drainpipe, for preventing the escape of gas, etc. —*vt.* **trapped**, **trap'ping** to catch in or as in a trap —*vi.* to trap animals, esp. for their furs —**trap'per** *n.*

trap'door' *n.* a hinged or sliding door in a roof, ceiling, or floor

tra·peze (tra pēz') *n.* [see fol.] a short horizontal bar, hung high by two ropes, on which gymnasts, etc. swing

tra·pe·zi·um (trə pē'zē əm) *n.*, *pl.* **-zi·ums** or **-zi·a** (-ə) [< Gr *trapeza*, table] a plane figure with four sides, no two of which are parallel

trap·e·zoid (trap'i zoid') *n.* [see prec.] a plane figure with four sides, only two of which are parallel —**trap'e·zoi'dal** *adj.*

trap'pings *pl.n.* [< OFr *drap*, cloth] **1** an ornamental covering for a horse **2** adornments

trap'shoot'ing *n.* the sport of shooting at clay disks sprung into the air from throwing devices

trash (trash) *n.* [prob. < Scand] **1** broken, discarded, or worthless things; rubbish **2** a person or people regarded as disreputable, etc. —*vt.* [Slang] **1** to destroy (property) as by vandalism **2** to criticize or insult (a person, etc.) sharply or maliciously —**trash'y**, **-i·er**, **-i·est**, *adj.*

trau·ma (trô'mə, trä'-) *n.*, *pl.* **-mas** or **-ma·ta** (-mə tə) [Gr] **1** a bodily injury or shock **2** an emotional shock, often having a lasting psychic effect —**trau·mat·ic** (trô mat'ik) *adj.*

trau'ma·tize' (-tīz') *vt.* **-tized'**, **-tiz'ing** to subject to a physical or mental trauma

trav·ail (trə vāl', trav'āl') *n.* [< L *tri-*, three + *palus*, stake: referring to a torture device] **1** very hard work **2** intense pain; agony

trav·el (trav'əl) *vi.* **-eled** or **-elled**, **-el·ing** or **-el·ling** [var. of prec.] **1** to go from one place to another **2** to move, pass, or be transmitted —*vt.* to make a journey over or through —*n.* **1** a traveling **2** [pl.] trips, journeys, etc. —**trav'el·er** or **trav'el·ler** *n.*

traveler's check a check, issued by a bank, etc., sold to a traveler who signs it at issuance and again when cashing it

trav·e·logue or **trav·e·log** (trav'ə lôg') *n.* **1** an illustrated lecture on travels **2** a short film about a place, esp. one that is foreign, unusual, etc.

tra·verse (trə vʉrs'; *for n. & adj.* trav' ərs) *vt.* **-versed'**, **-vers'ing** [< L *trans-*, across + *vertere*, to turn] to pass over, across, or through —*n.* **trav'erse** **1** something that traverses or crosses, as a crossbar **2** a traversing —*adj.* **trav'erse** **1** extending across **2** designating or of draperies drawn by pulling a cord at the side

trav·es·ty (trav'is tē) *n.*, *pl.* **-ties** [< L *trans-*, over + *vestire*, to dress] **1** a farcical imitation in ridicule **2** a ridiculous representation [a *travesty* of justice] —*vt.* **-tied**, **-ty·ing** to make a travesty of

trawl (trôl) *n.* [< ? MDu *traghel*, dragnet] **1** a large dragnet for fishing **2** a long line supported by buoys, from which fishing lines are hung —*vi.*, *vt.* to fish or catch with a trawl

trawl'er *n.* a boat used in trawling

tray (trā) *n.* [< OE *treg*, wooden board] a flat receptacle with raised edges, for holding or carrying things

treach·er·ous (trech'ər əs) *adj.* **1** characterized by treachery; disloyal **2** untrustworthy or insecure —**treach'er·ous·ly** *adv.*

treach·er·y (trech'ər ē) *n.*, *pl.* **-ies** [< OFr *trichier*, to cheat] **1** betrayal of trust; disloyalty **2** treason

trea·cle (trē'kəl) *n.* [< Gr (*antidotos*) *thēriakē*, (remedy) for venom] [Brit.] **1** molasses **2** anything very sweet or cloying —**trea'cly** (-klē) *adj.*

tread (tred) *vt.* **trod**, **trod'den** or **trod**, **tread'ing** [OE *tredan*] **1** to walk on, in, along, etc. **2** to do or follow by walking, dancing, etc. **3** to press or beat with the feet —*vi.* **1** to walk **2** to set one's foot (*on, across,* etc.) **3** to trample (*on* or *upon*) —*n.* **1** the manner or sound of treading **2** something for treading or moving on, as a shoe sole or surface of a stair **3** the thick outer layer of an automotive tire —**tread water** *pt. & pp. usually* **tread'ed** to stay upright in swimming by moving the legs and arms back and forth

trea·dle (tred'l) *n.* [< OE *tredan*, to tread] a lever moved by the foot as to turn a wheel

tread'mill' *n.* **1** a mill wheel turned by an animal treading an endless belt **2** any monotonous work in which one seems to make no progress **3** an exercise machine with an endless belt on which one walks or runs

treas *abbrev.* **1** treasurer **2** treasury

trea·son (trē'zən) *n.* [< L *trans-*, over + *dare*, give] betrayal of one's country to an enemy —**trea'son·a·ble** or **trea'son·ous** *adj.*

treas·ure (trezh'ər) *n.* [< Gr *thēsauros*] **1** accumulated wealth, as money or jewels **2** any person or thing considered valuable —*vt.* **-ured**, **-ur·ing** **1** to save up for future use **2** to value greatly

treas·ur·er (trezh'ər ər) *n.* one in charge of a treasury, as of a government or club

treas'ure-trove' (-trōv') *n.* [*trove* < OFr *trover*, find] **1** treasure found hidden, the original owner of which is unknown **2** a valuable source or collection

treas·ur·y (trezh'ər ē) *n.*; *pl.* **-ies** **1** a place where treasure or funds are kept **2** the funds or revenues of a state, corporation, etc. **3** [T-] the department of government in charge of revenue, taxation, and public finances

treat (trēt) *vi.* [ult. < L *trahere*, to draw] **1** to discuss terms (*with*) **2** to speak or write (*of*) —*vt.* **1** to deal with (a sub-

ject) in writing, music, etc. in a specified manner **2** to act toward (someone or something) in a specified manner **3** to pay for the food, etc. of (another) **4** to subject to some process, chemical, etc. **5** to give medical care to —*n.* **1** a meal, drink, etc. paid for by another **2** anything that gives great pleasure

trea·tise (trēt′is) *n.* [see prec.] a formal article or book on some subject

treat·ment (trēt′mənt) *n.* **1** act, manner, method, etc. of treating **2** medical or surgical care

trea·ty (trēt′ē) *n., pl.* **-ties** [< L *trahere*, to draw] a formal agreement between two or more nations

tre·ble (treb′əl) *adj.* [< L *triplus*, triple] **1** threefold; triple **2** of, for, or performing the treble —*n.* **1** the highest part in musical harmony; soprano **2** a high-pitched voice or sound —*vt., vi.* **-bled, -bling** to make or become threefold

tree (trē) *n.* [OE *trēow*] **1** a large, woody perennial plant with one main trunk and many branches **2** *a*) anything resembling a tree *b*) FAMILY TREE —*vt.* **treed, tree′ing** to chase up a tree —**tree′less** *adj.* —**tree′like′** *adj.*

tre·foil (trē′foil′) *n.* [< L *tri-*, three + *folium*, leaf] **1** a plant with leaves divided into three leaflets, as the clover **2** a design, etc. shaped like such a leaf

trek (trek) *vi.* **trekked, trek′king** [Afrik < Du *trekken*, to pull] **1** to travel slowly or laboriously **2** [Inf.] to go on foot —*n.* **1** a journey **2** a migration

trel·lis (trel′is) *n.* [< L *trilix*, triple-twilled] a lattice on which vines are trained

trem·a·tode (trem′ə tōd′, trē′mə-) *n.* [< Gr *trēmatōdēs*, perforated] a parasitic flatworm with muscular suckers; fluke

trem·ble (trem′bəl) *vi.* **-bled, -bling** [< L *tremere*] **1** to shake or shiver from cold, fear, etc. **2** to feel great anxiety **3** to quiver, vibrate, etc. —*n.* **1** a trembling **2** [*sometimes pl.*] a fit of trembling

tre·men·dous (tri men′dəs) *adj.* [< L *tremere*, to tremble] **1** very large; great **2** [Inf.] wonderful, amazing, etc. —**tre·men′dous·ly** *adv.*

trem·o·lo (trem′ə lō′) *n., pl.* **-los′** [It] *Music* a tremulous effect produced by rapid reiteration of the same tone

trem·or (trem′ər) *n.* [< L *tremere*, to tremble] **1** a trembling, shaking, etc. **2** a trembling sensation

trem·u·lous (trem′yo͞o ləs) *adj.* [< L *tremere*, to tremble] **1** trembling; quivering **2** fearful; timid

trench (trench) *vt.* [< OFr *trenchier*, to cut] to dig a ditch or ditches in —*n.* **1** a deep furrow **2** a long, narrow ditch dug by soldiers for cover, with earth heaped up in front

trench·ant (tren′chənt) *adj.* [see prec.] **1** sharp; incisive *[trenchant* words*]* **2** forceful; effective *[*a *trenchant* argument*]* —**trench′ant·ly** *adv.*

trench coat a belted raincoat in a military style

trench′er *n.* [see TRENCH] [Archaic] a wooden platter for meat

trench′er·man (-mən) *n., pl.* **-men** (-mən) an eater; esp., one who eats much

trench foot a diseased condition of the feet from prolonged exposure to wet and cold

trench mouth an infectious disease of the mucous membranes of the mouth and throat

trend (trend) *vi.* [OE *trendan*] to have a general direction or tendency —*n.* **1** a general tendency or course; drift **2** a current style

trend·y (tren′dē) *adj.* **-i·er, -i·est** [Inf.] of or in the latest style, or trend

Tren·ton (trent′′n) capital of New Jersey: pop. 89,000

trep·i·da·tion (trep′ə dā′shən) *n.* [< L *trepidus*, disturbed] fearful uncertainty; anxiety

tres·pass (tres′pəs, -pas′) *vi.* [< L *trans-*, across + *passus*, a step] **1** to go beyond the limits of what is considered right; do wrong; transgress **2** to enter another's property without permission or right —*n.* a trespassing; specif., a moral offense —**tres′pass·er** *n.*

tress (tres) *n.* [< OFr *tresse*, braid of hair] **1** a lock of human hair **2** [*pl.*] a woman's or girl's hair, esp. when long

tres·tle (tres′əl) *n.* [< L *transtrum*, a beam] **1** a horizontal beam fastened to two pairs of spreading legs, used as a support **2** a framework of uprights and crosspieces, supporting a bridge, etc.

trey (trā) *n.* [< L *tres*, three] a playing card with three spots

tri- [< Fr, L, or Gr] *prefix* **1** having or involving three **2** three times, into three **3** every third

tri·ad (trī′ad′) *n.* [< Gr *treis*, three] a group of three

tri·age (trē äzh′, trē′äzh′) *n.* [< Fr *trier*, sift] a system of establishing the order in which acts are to be carried out in an emergency, esp. acts of medical assistance —*vt.* **-aged′, -ag′ing** to prioritize (patients, problems, etc.)

tri·al (trī′əl) *n.* [see TRY] **1** the act or process of trying, testing, etc.; test; probation **2** a hardship, suffering, etc. **3** a source of annoyance **4** a hearing and deciding of a case in a court of law **5** an attempt; effort —*adj.* **1** of a trial **2** for the purpose of trying, testing, etc. —**on trial** in the process of being tried

trial and error the process of making repeated trials, tests, and adjustments until the right result is found

trial balloon something said or done to test public opinion on an issue

tri·an·gle (trī′aŋ′gəl) *n.* [see TRI- & ANGLE[1]] **1** a plane figure having three angles and three sides **2** anything with three sides or three corners **3** a situation involving three persons *[*a love *triangle]* —**tri·an′gu·lar** (-gyo͞o lər) *adj.*

tri·an′gu·late′ (-gyə lāt′) *vt.* **-lat′ed, -lat′ing** to divide (an area) into triangles in order to determine distance or relative positions —**tri·an′gu·la′tion** *n.*

tri·ath·lon (trī ath′län′, -lən) *n.* [TRI- + Gr *athlon*, a contest] an endurance race combining events in swimming, bicy-

cling, and running

tribe (trīb) *n.* [< L *tribus*] **1** a group of persons or clans descended from a common ancestor and living under a leader or chief **2** a natural group of related plants or animals —**trib'al** *adj.* —**trib'al·ly** *adv.* —**tribes'man** (-mən), *pl.* **-men**, *n.*

trib·u·la·tion (trib'yə lā'shən) *n.* [< L *tribulare,* to press] great misery or distress, or the cause of it

tri·bu·nal (trī byōō'nəl, tri-) *n.* [see fol.] **1** a seat for a judge in a court **2** a court of justice

trib·une (trib'yōōn'; *for 2, often* tri byōōn') *n.* [< L *tribus,* tribe] **1** in ancient Rome, a magistrate appointed to protect the rights of plebeians **2** a champion of the people: often used in newspaper names

trib·u·tar·y (trib'yōō ter'ē) *adj.* **1** paying tribute **2** subject *[a tributary* nation*]* **3** flowing into a larger one *[a tributary* stream*]* —*n.*, *pl.* **-ies** **1** a tributary nation **2** a tributary river

trib·ute (trib'yōōt) *n.* [< L *tribuere,* allot] **1** money paid regularly by one nation to another as acknowledgment of subjugation, for protection, etc. **2** any forced payment **3** something given, done, or said to show gratitude, honor, or praise

trice (trīs) *n.* [< MDu *trisen,* to pull] an instant; moment: now only in **in a trice**

tri·cen·ten·ni·al (trī'sen ten'ē əl) *adj.* happening once every 300 years —*n.* a 300th anniversary

tri·ceps (trī'seps') *n.*, *pl.* **-ceps'** or **-ceps'es** [L < *tri-,* three + *caput,* head] a muscle with three points of origin, esp. the muscle on the back of the upper arm

tri·cer·a·tops (trī ser'ə täps') *n.* [< TRI- + Gr *keras,* horn + *ōps,* eye] a plant-eating dinosaur having a bony crest over the neck and three horns

tri·chi·na (tri kī'nə) *n.*, *pl.* **-nae** (-nē) [< Gr *trichinos,* hairy] a very small worm that causes trichinosis

trich·i·no·sis (trik'i nō'sis) *n.* [< Gr *trichinos,* hairy] a disease caused by intestinal worms, and acquired by eating insufficiently cooked pork from an infested hog

trick (trik) *n.* [< OFr *trichier,* to cheat] **1** something designed to deceive, cheat, etc. **2** a practical joke; prank **3** a clever act intended to amuse **4** any feat requiring skill **5** a personal mannerism **6** a round of duty; shift **7** *Card Games* the cards won in a single round —*vt.* to deceive or swindle —*adj.* apt to malfunction *[a trick* knee*]* —**do** (or **turn**) **the trick** [Inf.] to produce the desired result —**not miss a trick** [Inf.] to be very alert —**trick'er·y**, *pl.* **-ies**, *n.*

trick·le (trik'əl) *vi.* **-led**, **-ling** [ME *trikelen* < ?] **1** to flow slowly in a thin stream or fall in drops **2** to move slowly *[the* crowd *trickled* away*]* —*n.* a slow, small flow

trick'le·down' *adj.* of an economic theory holding that government aid to the largest businesses will ultimately benefit the poor

trick'-or-treat'er *n.* a person in costume who goes from door to door on Halloween asking for candy

trick'ster (-stər) *n.* a person who tricks; cheat

trick'y *adj.* **-i·er**, **-i·est** **1** given to or characterized by trickery **2** like a trick in deceptiveness or intricacy

tri·col·or (trī'kul'ər) *n.* a flag having three colors in large areas; esp., the flag of France

tri·cy·cle (trī'sə kəl) *n.* [Fr: see TRI- & CYCLE] a child's three-wheeled vehicle operated by pedals

tri·dent (trīd''nt) *n.* [< L *tri-,* three + *dens,* tooth] a three-pronged spear

tried (trīd) *vt.*, *vi. pt. & pp. of* TRY —*adj.* **1** tested; proved **2** trustworthy

tri·en·ni·al (trī en'ē əl) *adj.* [< L *tri-,* three + *annus,* year] **1** happening every three years **2** lasting three years —**tri·en'ni·al·ly** *adv.*

Tri·este (trē est') seaport in NE Italy: pop. 228,000

tri·fle (trī'fəl) *n.* [< OFr *truffe,* deception] **1** something of little value or importance **2** a small amount of money —*vi.* **-fled**, **-fling** **1** to talk or act jokingly **2** to toy (*with*) —*vt.* to waste *[to trifle* the hours away*]* —**tri'fler** *n.*

tri'fling (-fliŋ) *adj.* **1** frivolous; shallow **2** of little importance; trivial

tri·fo·cals (trī'fō'kəlz) *pl.n.* eyeglasses like bifocals, but with a third area in the lens ground for viewing objects at an intermediate distance

trig (trig) *n. short for* TRIGONOMETRY

trig·ger (trig'ər) *n.* [< Du *trekken,* to pull] a lever pulled to release a catch, etc., esp. one pressed to activate the firing mechanism on a firearm —*vt.* to initiate (an action)

trig'ger-hap'py *adj.* **1** tending to resort to force rashly or irresponsibly **2** ready to start a war for the slightest cause

tri·glyc·er·ide (trī glis'ər īd') *n.* [TRI- + Gr *glykeros,* sweet] an ester derived from glycerol: the chief component of fats and oils

trig·o·nom·e·try (trig'ə näm'ə trē) *n.* [< Gr *trigōnon,* triangle + *-metria,* measurement] the branch of mathematics analyzing, and making calculations from, relations between the sides of right triangles with reference to their angles —**trig'o·no·met'ric** (-nə me'trik) *adj.*

trill (tril) *n.* [ult. echoic] **1** a rapid alternation of a musical tone with a slightly higher tone **2** a warble **3** a rapid vibration of the tongue or uvula —*vt.*, *vi.* to sound, speak, or play with a trill

tril·lion (tril'yən) *n.* **1** 1 followed by 12 zeros **2** [Brit.] 1 followed by 18 zeros —**tril'lionth** *adj.*, *n.*

tril·li·um (tril'ē əm) *n.* [ModL < L *tri-,* three] a woodland plant having a single flower with three petals and three sepals



TRILLIUM

tril·o·gy (tril′ə jē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-gies** [see TRI- & -LOGY] a set of three related plays, novels, etc.

trim (trim) ***vt.*** **trimmed, trim′ming** [< OE *trymman,* make firm] **1** to put in proper order; make neat or tidy *[to trim hair]* **2** to clip, lop, cut, etc. **3** to decorate, as by adding ornaments, etc. **4** *a)* to balance (a ship) by ballasting, etc. *b)* to put (sails) in order for sailing **5** to balance (a flying aircraft) **6** [Inf.] to beat, punish, defeat, cheat, etc. —***vi.*** to adjust according to expediency —***n.*** **1** order; arrangement **2** good condition **3** a trimming, as by clipping **4** decorative parts or borders —***adj.*** **trim′mer, trim′mest** **1** orderly; neat **2** well-proportioned **3** in good condition —**trim′ly** ***adv.*** —**trim′mer** ***n.*** —**trim′ness** ***n.***

tri·ma·ran (trī′mə ran′) ***n.*** a boat like a catamaran, but with three parallel hulls

tri·mes·ter (trī mes′tər, trī′mes′-) ***n.*** [< L *tri-,* three + *mensis,* month] **1** a three-month period, as of pregnancy **2** in some colleges, any of the three periods of the academic year

trim·ming (trim′iŋ) ***n.*** **1** decoration; ornament **2** [*pl.*] *a)* the side dishes of a meal *b)* parts trimmed off **3** [Inf.] a beating, defeat, cheating, etc.

Trin·i·dad and To·ba·go (trin′i dad′ and tə bā′gō) island country in the West Indies: 1,980 sq. mi.; pop. 1,260,000

trin·i·ty (trin′i tē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ties** [< L *trinitas*] a set of three —**the Trinity** *Christian Theol.* the union of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in one Godhead

trin·ket (triŋ′kit) ***n.*** [ME *trenket*] **1** a small, cheap ornament, piece of jewelry, etc. **2** a trifle or toy

tri·o (trē′ō) ***n.***, *pl.* **-os** [< L *tres,* three] **1** a group of three **2** *Music a)* a composition for three voices or three instruments *b)* the three performers of such a composition

trip (trip) ***vi.***, ***vt.*** **tripped, trip′ping** [< OFr *treper*] **1** to move or perform with light, rapid steps; skip **2** to stumble or cause to stumble **3** to make or cause to make a mistake **4** to run past or release (a spring, wheel, etc.) —***n.*** **1** a light, quick tread **2** a journey, jaunt, etc. **3** a stumble or a causing to stumble **4** [Slang] *a)* an experience induced by a psychedelic drug, esp. LSD *b)* an experience that is pleasing, exciting, etc. —**trip up** to catch in a lie, error, etc. —**trip′per** ***n.***

tri·par·tite (trī pär′tīt′) ***adj.*** [< L *tri-,* three + *partire,* to part] **1** having three parts **2** made between three parties, as an agreement

tripe (trīp) ***n.*** [prob. ult. < Ar *tharb,* layer of fat lining the intestines] **1** part of the stomach of an ox, etc., used as food **2** [Slang] anything worthless, etc.; nonsense

trip′ham′mer ***n.*** a heavy, power-driven hammer, alternately raised and allowed to fall by a tripping device: also **trip hammer**

tri·ple (trip′əl) ***adj.*** [< L *triplus*] **1** consisting of three; threefold **2** three times as much or as many —***n.*** **1** an amount three times as much or as many **2** *Baseball* a hit on which the batter reaches third base —***vt.***, ***vi.*** **tri′pled, tri′pling** **1** to make or become three times as much or as many **2** *Baseball* to hit a triple —**tri′ply** ***adv.***

tri·plet (trip′lit) ***n.*** **1** a group of three, as three successive lines of poetry **2** any of three offspring from the same pregnancy

trip·li·cate (trip′li kit; *for v.*, -kāt′) ***adj.*** [< L *triplex*] **1** threefold **2** being the last of three identical copies —***n.*** any one of such copies —***vt.*** **-cat′ed, -cat′ing** to make three identical copies of —**in triplicate** in three identical copies

tri·pod (trī′päd′) ***n.*** [< Gr *tri-,* three + *pous,* foot] a three-legged caldron, stool, support, etc.

trip·tych (trip′tik) ***n.*** [< Gr *tri-,* three + *ptychē,* a fold] a set of three hinged panels with pictures, etc., commonly placed above and behind an altar

tri·sect (trī sekt′, trī′sekt′) ***vt.*** [< TRI- + L *secare,* to cut] to cut or divide into three equal parts

tri-state (trī′stāt′) ***adj.*** of an area consisting of all or parts of three contiguous states

trite (trīt) ***adj.*** **trit′er, trit′est** [< L *terere,* wear out] worn out by constant use; stale —**trite′ness** ***n.***

trit·i·um (trit′ē əm) ***n.*** a radioactive isotope of hydrogen having an atomic weight of 3

Tri·ton (trīt′′n) ***n.*** a Greek sea god having the tail of a fish and the head and upper body of a man

tri·umph (trī′əmf) ***n.*** [< L *triumphus*] **1** a victory; success **2** exultation or joy over a victory, etc. —***vi.*** **1** to gain victory or success **2** to rejoice over victory, etc. —**tri·um′phal** (-um′fəl) ***adj.***

tri·um′phal·ism′ ***n.*** an arrogant confidence in a set of beliefs —**tri·um′phal·ist** ***adj.***, ***n.***

tri·um′phant (-fənt) ***adj.*** **1** successful; victorious **2** rejoicing for victory —**tri·um′phant·ly** ***adv.***

tri·um·vir (trī um′vir′) ***n.***, *pl.* **-virs′** or **-vi·ri′** (-vi rī′) [L: see fol.] in ancient Rome, any of three administrators sharing authority

tri·um·vi·rate (trī um′və rit) ***n.*** [< L *trium virum,* of three men] government by three persons or parties

tri·va·lent (trī vā′lənt) ***adj.*** *Chem.* having three valences or a valence of three

triv·et (triv′it) ***n.*** ‖< L *tripes*, tripod‖ **1** a three-legged stand for holding pots, etc. near a fire **2** a short-legged stand for hot dishes to rest on

triv·i·a (triv′ē ə) ***pl.n.*** [*usually with sing. v.*] unimportant matters

triv·i·al (triv′ē əl) ***adj.*** ‖< L *trivialis*, commonplace‖ unimportant; insignificant —**triv′i·al′i·ty** (-al′ə tē) ***n.***

triv′i·al·ize′ (-īz′) ***vt.*** **-ized′**, **-iz′ing** to regard or treat as trivial; make seem unimportant

-trix (triks) ‖L‖ *suffix* forming feminine nouns of agency

tro·chee (trō′kē) ***n.*** ‖< Gr *trechein*, to run‖ a metrical foot of one accented syllable followed by one unaccented syllable —**tro·cha′ic** (-kā′ik) ***adj.***

trod (träd) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** *pt. & alt. pp. of* TREAD

trod·den (träd′′n) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** *alt. pp. of* TREAD

trog·lo·dyte (träg′lə dīt′) ***n.*** ‖< Gr *trōglē*, hole + *dyein*, enter‖ **1** any of the prehistoric people who lived in caves **2** a recluse

troi·ka (troi′kə) ***n.*** ‖Russ‖ **1** a vehicle drawn by three horses abreast **2** an association of three in authority

Tro·jan (trō′jən) ***adj.*** of ancient Troy or its people or culture —***n.*** **1** a person born or living in ancient Troy **2** a strong, hard-working, determined person

Trojan horse **1** *Gr. Legend* a huge, hollow wooden horse with Greek soldiers inside: it is brought into Troy, the soldiers creep out and open the gates, and the Greek army destroys the city **2** one that subverts a nation, etc. from within

troll[1] (trōl) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** ‖ME *trollen*, to roll‖ **1** to sing the parts of (a round, etc.) in succession **2** to sing in a full voice **3** to fish (in) with a baited line trailed behind a slowly moving boat —**troll′er** ***n.***

troll[2] (trōl) ***n.*** ‖ON‖ *Scand. Folklore* a supernatural being, as a giant or dwarf, living in a cave

trol·ley (trä′lē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-leys** ‖< TROLL[1]‖ **1** a wheeled basket, etc. that runs suspended from an overhead track **2** a grooved wheel at the end of a pole, for transmitting electric current from an overhead wire to a streetcar, etc. **3** a trolley car

trolley bus an electric bus powered by trolleys

trolley car an electric streetcar that gets its power from a trolley

trol·lop (trä′ləp) ***n.*** ‖prob. < Ger *trolle*, wench‖ a prostitute

trom·bone (träm bōn′) ***n.*** ‖It < *tromba*, a trumpet‖ a large brass instrument, usually with a slide, or movable section —**trom·bon′ist** ***n.***



TROMBONE

troop (trōōp) ***n.*** ‖< ML *troppus*, flock‖ **1** a group of persons or animals **2** [*pl.*] soldiers **3** a subdivision of a cavalry regiment **4** a unit of Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts —***vi.*** **1** to gather or go together in a group **2** to walk or go

troop′er ***n.*** ‖prec. + -ER‖ **1** a soldier in the mounted cavalry **2** a mounted police officer **3** in the U.S., a state police officer

trope (trōp) ***n.*** ‖< Gr *tropos*, a turning‖ figurative language or a word used in a figurative sense

tro·phy (trō′fē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-phies** ‖< Gr *tropaion*‖ a memorial of victory in war, sports competition, etc.; prize

trop·ic (träp′ik) ***n.*** ‖< Gr *tropikos*, of a turn (of the sun at the solstices)‖ **1** either of two parallels of latitude, one, the **Tropic of Cancer**, *c.* 23° 26′ north, and the other, the **Tropic of Capricorn**, *c.* 23° 26′ south **2** [*also* **T-**] [*pl.*] the region between these latitudes —***adj.*** of the tropics; tropical

trop′i·cal (-i kəl) ***adj.*** **1** of, in, characteristic of, or suitable for the tropics **2** very hot; sultry; torrid

tro·pism (trō′piz′əm) ***n.*** ‖< Gr *tropē*, a turn‖ the tendency of a plant or animal to grow or turn toward, or away from, a stimulus, as light

tro·po·sphere (trō′pə sfir′, träp′ə-) ***n.*** ‖Fr < Gr *tropos*, a turning + Fr *sphère*, sphere‖ the atmospheric zone characterized by water vapor, weather, and decreasing temperatures with increasing altitude

trot (trät) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** **trot′ted**, **trot′ting** ‖< OHG *trottōn*, to tread‖ **1** to move, ride, go, etc. at a trot **2** to hurry; run —***n.*** **1** a gait, as of a horse, in which a front leg and the opposite hind leg are lifted at the same time **2** a jogging gait of a person —**trot′ter** ***n.***

troth (trôth, trōth) ***n.*** ‖ME *trouthe*‖ [Archaic] **1** faithfulness; loyalty **2** truth **3** a promise, esp. to marry

trou·ba·dour (trōō′bə dôr′) ***n.*** ‖Fr < Prov *trobar*, compose‖ **1** any of a class of lyric poets and poet-musicians in S France and N Spain and Italy in the 11th to 13th c. **2** a minstrel or singer

trou·ble (trub′əl) ***vt.*** **-bled**, **-bling** ‖< L *turba*, crowd‖ **1** to disturb or agitate **2** to worry; harass **3** to cause inconvenience to *[don't trouble yourself]* —***vi.*** to

take pains; bother —*n.* **1** a state of mental distress; worry **2** a misfortune; calamity **3** a person, event, etc. causing annoyance, distress, etc. **4** public disturbance **5** effort; bother *[take the trouble to listen]*

trou'ble·mak'er *n.* one who incites others to quarrel, rebel, etc.

trou'ble·shoot'er *n.* one whose work is to locate and fix breakdowns, eliminate the source of trouble in work flow, etc. —**trou'ble·shoot'ing** *n.*

trou'ble·some (-səm) *adj.* characterized by or causing trouble

trough (trôf, träf) *n.* [OE *trog*] **1** a long, narrow, open container, esp. one to hold water or food for animals **2** a channel or gutter for carrying off rainwater **3** a long, narrow hollow, as between waves **4** a low in an economic cycle **5** a long, narrow area of low barometric pressure

trounce (trouns) *vt.* **trounced, trounc'ing** [< ?] **1** to beat; flog **2** [Inf.] to defeat —**trounc'er** *n.*

troupe (tro͞op) *n.* [Fr] a group of actors, singers, etc. —*vi.* **trouped, troup'ing** to travel as a member of a troupe

troup'er *n.* **1** a troupe member **2** [Inf.] one who is steady, dependable, etc., during trying times

trou·sers (trou'zərz) *pl.n.* [< Gael *triubhas*] a two-legged outer garment, esp. for men and boys, extending from the waist to the ankles

trous·seau (tro͞o sō', tro͞o'sō) *n.*, *pl.* **-seaux'** (-sōz') or **-seaus'** [Fr < OFr *trousse,* a bundle] a bride's clothes, linens, etc.

trout (trout) *n.*, *pl.* **trout** or **trouts** [< Gr *trōgein,* gnaw] a food and game fish, related to the salmon, found chiefly in fresh water

trow (trō, trou) *vi.*, *vt.* [< OE *treow,* faith] [Archaic] to believe

trow·el (trou'əl) *n.* [< L *trua*, ladle] **1** a flat hand tool for smoothing plaster or applying mortar **2** a scooplike tool for loosening soil, etc. —*vt.* **-eled** or **-elled, -el·ing** or **-el·ling** to spread, smooth, dig, etc. with a trowel

troy (troi) *adj.* [after *Troyes*, city in France, where first used] of or by a system of weights (**troy weight**) for gold, silver, gems, etc.

Troy (troi) ancient city in NW Asia Minor

tru·ant (tro͞o'ənt) *n.* [< OFr, beggar] **1** a pupil who stays away from school without permission **2** one who neglects duties —*adj.* **1** that is a truant **2** errant; straying —**tru'an·cy**, *pl.* **-cies**, *n.*

truce (tro͞os) *n.* [< OE *treow*, faith] **1** a temporary cessation of warfare by agreement between the belligerents **2** respite from conflict, trouble, etc.

truck[1] (truk) *n.* [< Gr *trochos*, wheel] **1** a two-wheeled barrow or low, wheeled frame for carrying heavy articles **2** an automotive vehicle for hauling loads **3** a swiveling, wheeled frame under each end of a railroad car, etc. —*vt.* to carry on a truck —*vi.* to drive a truck —**truck'er** *n.*

truck[2] (truk) *vt.*, *vi.* [< Fr *troquer*] to exchange; barter —*n.* **1** small articles of little value **2** vegetables raised for market **3** [Inf.] dealings **4** [Inf.] trash; rubbish

truck farm a farm where vegetables are grown to be marketed

truck·le (truk'əl) *n.* [< Gr *trochos*, wheel] TRUNDLE BED: in full **truckle bed** —*vi.* **-led, -ling** to be servile; submit (*to*)

truc·u·lent (truk'yo͞o lənt, -yə-) *adj.* [< L *trux*] **1** fierce; cruel; savage **2** pugnacious —**truc'u·lence** *n.* —**truc'u·lent·ly** *adv.*

trudge (truj) *vi.* **trudged, trudg'ing** [< ?] to walk, esp. wearily or laboriously —*n.* a wearying walk

true (tro͞o) *adj.* **tru'er, tru'est** [OE *treowe*] **1** faithful; loyal **2** in accordance with fact; not false **3** conforming to standard, etc.; correct **4** rightful; lawful **5** accurately fitted, shaped, etc. **6** real; genuine —*adv.* **1** truly **2** *Biol.* without variation from type —*vt.* **trued, tru'ing** or **true'ing** to fit, place, or shape accurately: often with *up* —*n.* that which is true: with *the*

true believer a dedicated follower or disciple, esp. one who follows without doubts or questions

true bill a bill of indictment endorsed by a grand jury

true'-blue' *adj.* very loyal; staunch

truf·fle (truf'əl) *n.* [ult. < L *tuber*, knob] a fleshy, edible underground fungus

tru·ism (tro͞o'iz'əm) *n.* a statement the truth of which is obvious

tru'ly *adv.* **1** in a true manner; accurately, genuinely, etc. **2** really; indeed **3** sincerely

Tru·man (tro͞o'mən), **Har·ry S** (har'ē) 1884-1972; 33d president of the U.S. (1945-53)

trump (trump) *n.* [< TRIUMPH] **1** any playing card of a suit ranked higher than any other suit for a given hand **2** such a suit **3** any advantage held in reserve —*vt.*, *vi.* to play a trump on (a trick, etc.) —**trump up** to devise fraudulently

trump·er·y (trump'ər ē) *n.*, *pl.* **-ies** [< Fr *tromper*, deceive] **1** something showy but worthless **2** nonsense

trum·pet (trum'pit) *n.* [< OFr *trompe*] **1** a brass instrument consisting of a looped tube with a flared bell and three valves **2** a trumpetlike device for channeling sound, as an early kind of hearing aid **3** a sound like that of a trumpet —*vi.* to make the sound of a trumpet —*vt.* to proclaim loudly —**trum'pet·er** *n.*

trun·cate (truŋ'kāt') *vt.* **-cat'ed, -cat'ing** [< L *truncus*, stem] to cut off a part of —**trun·ca'tion** *n.*

trun·cheon (trun'chən) *n.* [< L *truncus*, stem] [Chiefly Brit.] a policeman's stick or billy

trun·dle (trun'dəl) *vt.*, *vi.* **-dled, -dling** [< OE *trendan*, to roll] to roll along —**trun'dler** *n.*

trundle bed a low bed on small wheels, that can be rolled under another bed when not in use

trunk (truŋk) ***n.*** ⟦< L *truncus*⟧ **1** the main stem of a tree **2** a human or animal body, not including the head and limbs **3** a long snout, as of an elephant **4** a large, reinforced box to hold clothes, etc. in travel **5** [*pl.*] shorts worn by men for athletics **6** a compartment in a car, usually in the rear, for luggage, etc.

trunk line a main line of a railroad, telephone system, etc.

truss (trus) ***vt.*** ⟦< OFr *trousser*⟧ **1** to tie, bind, or bundle: often with *up* **2** to support with a truss —***n.*** **1** a bundle or pack **2** a framework for supporting a roof, bridge, etc. **3** a padded device for giving support in cases of rupture or hernia

trust (trust) ***n.*** ⟦< ON *traust*⟧ **1** *a*) firm belief in the honesty, reliability, etc. of another; faith *b*) the one trusted **2** confident expectation, hope, etc. **3** responsibility resulting from confidence placed in one **4** care; custody **5** something entrusted to one **6** faith in a buyer's ability to pay; credit **7** a combination of corporations to establish a monopoly **8** *Law a*) the fact of having nominal ownership of property to keep, use, or administer for another *b*) such property —***vi.*** to be confident —***vt.*** **1** to have confidence in **2** to commit (something) *to* a person's care **3** to allow to do something without misgivings **4** to believe **5** to hope; expect **6** to grant business credit to —***adj.*** **1** relating to a trust **2** acting as trustee —**in trust** entrusted to another's care

trust·ee (trus tē′) ***n.*** **1** one to whom another's property or its management is entrusted **2** a member of a board managing the affairs of a college, hospital, etc. —**trust·ee′ship** ***n.***

trust′ful ***adj.*** full of trust; ready to confide; trusting —**trust′ful·ly** ***adv.*** —**trust′ful·ness** ***n.***

trust fund money, securities, etc. held in trust

trust′ing ***adj.*** that trusts; trustful

trust territory a territory placed under the administrative authority of a country by the United Nations

trust′wor′thy ***adj.*** **-thi·er, -thi·est** worthy of trust; reliable —**trust′wor′thi·ness** ***n.***

trust′y ***adj.*** **-i·er, -i·est** dependable; trustworthy —***n.***, *pl.* **-ies** a convict granted special privileges as a trustworthy person

truth (trōōth) ***n.***, *pl.* **truths** (trōōthz, trōōths) ⟦OE *treowth*⟧ **1** a being true; specif., *a*) sincerity; honesty *b*) conformity with fact *c*) reality; actual existence *d*) correctness; accuracy **2** that which is true **3** an established fact —**in truth** truly

truth′ful ***adj.*** **1** telling the truth; honest **2** corresponding with fact or reality —**truth′ful·ly** ***adv.*** —**truth′ful·ness** ***n.***

try (trī) ***vt.*** **tried, try′ing** ⟦< OFr *trier*⟧ **1** to melt out or render (fat, etc.) **2** to conduct the trial of in a law court **3** to put to the proof; test **4** to subject to trials, etc.; afflict **5** to experiment with [to *try* a recipe] **6** to attempt; endeavor —***vi.*** to make an effort, attempt, etc. —***n.***, *pl.* **tries** an attempt; effort; trial —**try on** to test the fit of (something to wear) by putting it on —**try out** **1** to test by putting into use **2** to test one's fitness, as for a place on a team

try′ing ***adj.*** that tries one's patience; annoying; irksome —**try′ing·ly** ***adv.***

try′out′ ***n.*** [Inf.] a test to determine fitness, etc.

tryst (trist) ***n.*** ⟦< OFr *triste*, hunting station⟧ **1** an appointment to meet, esp. one made by lovers **2** an appointed meeting or meeting place

tsar (tsär, zär) ***n.*** *alt. sp. of* CZAR (sense 1) —**tsa·ri·na** (tsä rē′nə, zä-) ***fem.n.***

tset·se fly (tset′sē, tsēt′-) ⟦< Bantu name⟧ a small fly of central and S Africa: one kind carries sleeping sickness

T′-shirt′ ***n.*** a collarless pullover knit shirt with short sleeves: also **t′-shirt′**

tsp *abbrev.* teaspoon(s) or teaspoonful(s)

T square a T-shaped ruler for drawing parallel lines

tsu·na·mi (tsōō nä′mē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-mis** or **-mi** ⟦Jpn < *tsu*, a harbor + *nami*, a wave⟧ a huge sea wave caused by an undersea earthquake, volcanic eruption, etc.

tub (tub) ***n.*** ⟦< MDu *tubbe*⟧ **1** a round, wooden container, usually with staves and hoops **2** any large, open container, as of metal **3** a bathtub



TUBA

tu·ba (tōō′bə) ***n.*** ⟦L, trumpet⟧ a large, low-pitched brass musical instrument

tub·al (tōō′bəl) ***adj.*** of or in a tube, esp. a fallopian tube [a *tubal* pregnancy]

tub·by (tub′ē) ***adj.*** **-bi·er, -bi·est** **1** shaped like a tub **2** fat and short

tube (tōōb) ***n.*** ⟦< L *tubus*, pipe⟧ **1** a slender pipe of metal, glass, etc. for conveying fluids **2** a tubelike part, organ, etc. **3** a pliable cylinder with a screw cap, for holding paste, etc. **4** *short for*: *a*) ELECTRON TUBE *b*) VACUUM TUBE **5** [Brit.] a subway —**the tube** [Inf.] television —**tube′less** ***adj.***

tu·ber (tōō′bər) ***n.*** ⟦L, lit., a swelling⟧ a short, thick part of an underground stem, as a potato —**tu′ber·ous** ***adj.***

tu′ber·cle (-kəl) ***n.*** ⟦see prec.⟧ **1** a small, rounded projection, as on a bone or a plant root **2** any abnormal hard nodule or swelling; specif., the typical lesion of tuberculosis

tu·ber·cu·lin (tōō bur′kyə lin) ***n.*** a solution injected into the skin as a test for

tuberculosis

tu·ber′cu·lo′sis (-lō′sis) ***n.*** [see TUBERCLE & -OSIS] an infectious disease characterized by the formation of tubercles in body tissue; specif., tuberculosis of the lungs —**tu·ber′cu·lar** or **tu·ber′cu·lous** ***adj.***

tube sock a stretchable sock in the form of a long tube with no shaped heel

tube top a tight-fitting, one-piece, sleeveless and strapless women's garment for the upper body

tub·ing (to͞o′biŋ) ***n.*** **1** a series or system of tubes **2** material in the form of a tube **3** a piece of tube

tu·bu·lar (to͞o′byə lər) ***adj.*** [< L *tubus*, pipe] **1** of or like a tube **2** made with a tube or tubes

tu′bule′ (-byo͞ol′) ***n.*** a small tube

tuck (tuk) ***vt.*** [< MDu *tucken*] **1** to pull or gather (*up*) in a fold or folds **2** to sew a fold or folds in (a garment) **3** to fold the edges of (a sheet, etc.) under or in, to make secure **4** to press snugly into a small space —***n.*** **1** a sewed fold in a garment **2** [Inf.] cosmetic plastic surgery to remove fat

tuck·er (tuk′ər) ***vt.*** [prob. < prec., in obs. sense "to punish, rebuke"] [Inf.] to tire (*out*); weary

Tuc·son (to͞o′sän′) city in S Arizona: pop. 405,000

-tude (to͞od, tyo͞od) [< L *-tudo*] *suffix* state, quality, or instance of being

Tues·day (to͞oz′dā) ***n.*** [OE *Tiwes dæg*, day of the god of war *Tiu*] the third day of the week: abbrev. **Tue**, **Tues**

tuft (tuft) ***n.*** [< OFr *tufe*] **1** a bunch of hairs, grass, etc. growing closely together **2** any cluster, as the fluffy ball forming the end of a cluster of threads drawn through a mattress —***vt.*** **1** to provide with tufts **2** to secure the padding of (a mattress, etc.) with tufts —**tuft′ed** ***adj.*** —**tuft′er** ***n.***

tug (tug) ***vi.***, ***vt.*** **tugged**, **tug′ging** [prob. < ON *toga*, to pull] **1** to pull hard; drag; haul **2** to tow with a tugboat —***n.*** **1** a hard pull **2** a tugboat

tug·boat (tug′bōt′) ***n.*** a sturdy, powerful boat for towing or pushing ships, barges, etc.

tug of war **1** a contest in which two teams pull at opposite ends of a rope **2** a power struggle

tu·i·tion (to͞o ish′ən) ***n.*** [< L *tueri*, protect] the charge for instruction, as at a college

tu·la·re·mi·a (to͞o′lə rē′mē ə) ***n.*** [after *Tulare* County, CA] an infectious disease of rodents, esp. rabbits, transmissible to humans

tu·lip (to͞o′lip) ***n.*** [< Turk *tülbend*, turban: from its shape] **1** a bulb plant with a large, cup-shaped flower **2** the flower

tulle (to͞ol) ***n.*** [after *Tulle*, city in France] a fine netting of silk, rayon, nylon, etc., used as for veils and scarves

Tul·sa (tul′sə) city in NE Oklahoma: pop. 367,000

tum·ble (tum′bəl) ***vi.*** **-bled**, **-bling** [< OE *tumbian*, to jump] **1** to do somersaults or similar acrobatic feats **2** to fall suddenly or helplessly **3** to toss or roll about **4** to move in a hasty, disorderly manner —***vt.*** **1** to cause to tumble **2** to put into disorder; disarrange —***n.*** **1** a fall **2** disorder

tum′ble·down′ ***adj.*** dilapidated

tum′bler (-blər) ***n.*** **1** an acrobat who does somersaults, etc. **2** a drinking glass **3** a part of a lock whose position must be changed by a key in order to release the bolt

tum′ble·weed′ ***n.*** a plant that breaks off near the ground in autumn and is blown about by the wind

tum·brel or **tum·bril** (tum′brəl) ***n.*** [< Fr *tomber*, to fall] a cart that can be tilted for emptying

tu·mes·cence (to͞o mes′əns) ***n.*** [see fol.] **1** a swelling; distention **2** a swollen or distended part —**tu·mes′cent** ***adj.***

tu·mid (to͞o′mid) ***adj.*** [< L *tumere*, to swell] **1** swollen; bulging **2** inflated or pompous —**tu·mid′i·ty** ***n.***

tum·my (tum′ē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-mies** [Inf.] the stomach or abdomen

tu·mor (to͞o′mər) ***n.*** [L, a swelling] an abnormal growth of new tissue, independent of its surrounding structures; neoplasm: Brit. sp. **tu′mour**

tu·mult (to͞o′mult′) ***n.*** [< L *tumere*, to swell] **1** noisy commotion **2** confusion; disturbance

tu·mul·tu·ous (to͞o mul′cho͞o əs) ***adj.*** full of tumult, uproar, etc.

tun (tun) ***n.*** [OE *tunne*] a large cask

tu·na (to͞o′nə) ***n.***, *pl.* **-na** or **-nas** [AmSp] **1** a large, edible ocean fish, as the albacore **2** the flesh of the tuna, canned for food: also **tuna fish**

tun·dra (tun′drə) ***n.*** [Russ] a vast, treeless arctic plain

tune (to͞on) ***n.*** [ME, var. of *tone*, tone] **1** a rhythmic succession of musical tones; melody **2** *a*) correct musical pitch *b*) agreement; concord: now used chiefly in the phrases **in tune** and **out of tune** —***vt.*** **tuned**, **tun′ing** **1** to adjust (a musical instrument) to some standard of pitch **2** to adapt to some condition, mood, etc. **3** to adjust (a motor, circuit, etc.) for proper performance —**to the tune of** [Inf.] to the sum, price, or extent of —**tune in** to adjust a radio or TV receiver so as to receive (a station, etc.) —**tun′er** ***n.***

tune′ful ***adj.*** full of music; melodious

tune′less ***adj.*** **1** not melodious **2** not producing music —**tune′less·ly** ***adv.*** —**tune′less·ness** ***n.***

tune′up′ or **tune′-up′** ***n.*** an adjusting, as of an engine, to the proper condition

tung·sten (tuŋ′stən) ***n.*** [Swed < *tung*, heavy + *sten*, stone] a hard, heavy metallic chemical element, used in steel, etc.

tu·nic (to͞o′nik, tyo͞o′-) ***n.*** [L *tunica*] **1** a loose, gownlike garment worn by men and women in ancient Greece and Rome **2** a blouselike garment extending to the hips, often belted

tuning fork a two-pronged steel instrument which when struck sounds a cer-

tain fixed tone in perfect pitch

Tu·nis (to͞o′nis) seaport & capital of Tunisia: pop. 674,000

Tu·ni·si·a (to͞o nē′zhə) country in N Africa, on the Mediterranean: 63,378 sq. mi.; pop. 6,966,000 —**Tu·ni′si·an** *adj., n.*

tun·nel (tun′əl) *n.* [< Fr *tonnelle*, a vault] **1** an underground passageway, as for autos, etc. **2** any tunnel-like passage, as in a mine —*vt., vi.* **-neled** or **-nelled**, **-nel·ing** or **-nel·ling** to make a tunnel (through or under) —**tun′nel·er** or **tun′nel·ler** *n.*

tunnel vision a narrow outlook, as on a particular problem

tun·ny (tun′ē) *n., pl.* **-nies** TUNA (sense 1)



TURBAN

tur·ban (tʉr′bən) *n.* [< Pers *dulbänd*] **1** a headdress worn by men in parts of Asia, consisting of cloth wound in folds about the head **2** any similar headdress

tur·bid (tʉr′bid) *adj.* [< L *turba*, a crowd] **1** muddy or cloudy from stirring sediment **2** thick, dense, or dark, as clouds **3** confused

tur·bine (tʉr′bin, -bīn′) *n.* [< L *turbo*, a whirl] an engine driven as by the pressure of steam, water, or air against the curved vanes of a wheel

tur·bo·charge (tʉr′bō chärj′) *vt.* **-charged′**, **-charg′ing** to increase the power of (an engine) by the use of a type of compressor (**tur′bo·charg′er**) driven by a turbine powered by exhaust gases

tur′bo·fan′ (-fan′) *n.* a turbojet engine developing extra thrust from air that bypasses the combustion chamber and is accelerated by a fan: in full **turbofan engine**

tur′bo·jet′ (-jet′) *n.* **1** a jet engine in which the energy of the jet spins a turbine which drives the air compressor: in full **turbojet engine** **2** an aircraft with such an engine

tur′bo·prop′ (-präp′) *n.* **1** a turbojet engine whose turbine shaft drives a propeller: in full **turboprop engine** **2** an aircraft with such an engine

tur·bot (tʉr′bət) *n., pl.* **-bot** or **-bots** [< OFr *tourbout*] any of various flounders highly regarded as food

tur·bu·lent (tʉr′byə lənt) *adj.* [< L *turba*, a crowd] **1** wild or disorderly **2** full of violent motion —**tur′bu·lence** *n.* —**tur′bu·lent·ly** *adv.*

tu·reen (to͞o rēn′) *n.* [< Fr *terrine*, earthen vessel] a large, deep dish with a lid, for soups, etc.

turf (tʉrf) *n.* [OE] **1** *a*) a top layer of earth containing grass with its roots; sod *b*) [Chiefly Brit.] a piece of this **2** peat **3** a track for horse racing; also, horse racing: usually with *the* **4** [Slang] *a*) an area seen by a street gang as its territory to be defended *b*) one's own territory —*vt.* to cover with turf —**turf′y** *adj.*

tur·gid (tʉr′jid) *adj.* [< L *turgere*, to swell] **1** swollen; distended **2** bombastic; pompous —**tur·gid′i·ty** or **tur′gid·ness** *n.* —**tur′gid·ly** *adv.*

Tu·rin (to͝or′in) city in NW Italy: pop. 953,000

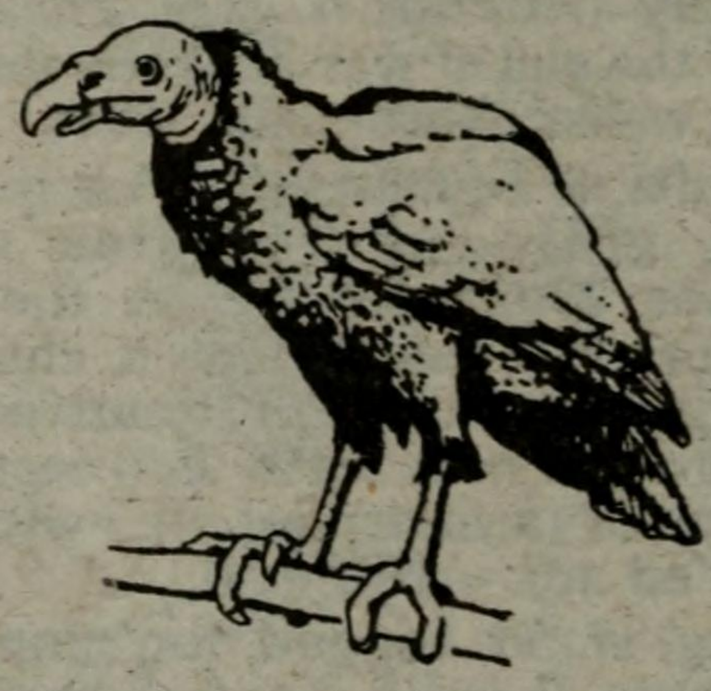
Turk[1] (tʉrk) *n.* a person born or living in Turkey

Turk[2] *abbrev.* **1** Turkey **2** Turkish

tur·key (tʉr′kē) *n.* [< similarity to a fowl formerly imported through *Turkey*] **1** a large North American bird with a spreading tail **2** its flesh, used as food

Tur·key (tʉr′kē) country occupying Asia Minor & a SE part of the Balkan Peninsula: 300,947 sq. mi.; pop. 56,473,000

turkey vulture a dark-colored vulture of temperate and tropical America: also **turkey buzzard**



TURKEY VULTURE

Turk·ic (tʉr′kik) *adj.* designating or of a family of languages including Turkish, Tatar, etc.

Turk·ish (tʉr′kish) *adj.* of Turkey or its people, language, etc. —*n.* the language of Turkey

Turkish bath a bathhouse with steam rooms, showers, massage, etc.

Turk·men·i·stan (tərk men′i stan′) country in central Asia: formerly a republic of the U.S.S.R.: 186,400 sq. mi.; pop. 3,523,000

tur·mer·ic (tʉr′mər ik) *n.* [< ML *terra merita*, deserved earth] an East Indian plant whose powdered root is used as a yellow dye or a seasoning

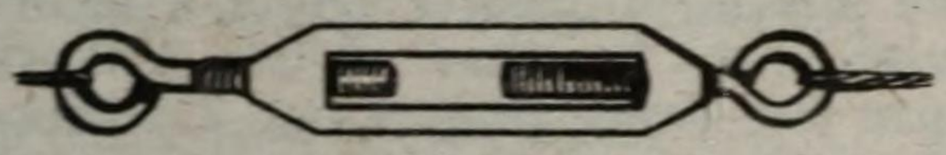
tur·moil (tʉr′moil′) *n.* [< ?] tumult; commotion

turn (tʉrn) *vt.* [ult. < Gr *tornos*, a lathe] **1** to rotate (a wheel, etc.) **2** to move around or partly around *[turn* the key*]* **3** to give form to, as in a lathe **4** to change the position or direction of **5** to reverse the position or sides of **6** to wrench *[turn* one's ankle*]* **7** to upset

(the stomach) **8** to deflect; divert **9** to cause to change actions, beliefs, aims, etc. **10** to go around (a corner, etc.) **11** to reach or pass (a certain age, amount, etc.) **12** to drive, set, let go, etc. *[turn the dog loose]* **13** to direct, point, aim, etc. **14** to change *[to turn cream into butter]* **15** to make sour **16** to affect in some way —*vi.* **1** to rotate or revolve; pivot **2** to move around or partly around **3** to reel; whirl **4** to become upset: said of the stomach **5** to change or reverse course, direction, etc., or one's feelings, allegiance, etc. **6** to refer (*to*) **7** to apply (*to*) for help **8** to shift one's attention *[he turned to music]* **9** to make a sudden attack (*on*) **10** to be contingent or depend (*on* or *upon*) **11** to become *[to turn cold]* **12** to change to another form *[the rain turned to snow]* **13** to become rancid, sour, etc. —*n.* **1** a turning around; rotation; revolution **2** a single twist, winding, etc. **3** a change or reversal of course or direction **4** a short walk, ride, etc. **5** a bend; curve *[a turn in the road]* **6** a change in trend, events, etc. **7** a sudden shock or fright **8** an action or deed *[a good turn]* **9** the right, duty, or chance to do something in regular order *[my turn to go]* **10** a distinctive form, detail, etc. *[an odd turn of speech]* **11** natural inclination *[a curious turn of mind]* —**in** (or **out of**) **turn** (not) in proper sequence —**turn down** to reject (a request, etc.) —**turn in** **1** to deliver; hand in **2** [Inf.] to go to bed —**turn off** **1** to stop the flow of (water, gas, etc.) **2** to make (an electrical device) stop functioning **3** [Slang] to cause to be bored, depressed, etc. —**turn on** **1** to start the flow of **2** to make (an electrical device) start functioning **3** [Slang] to make or become elated, enthusiastic, etc. —**turn out** **1** to put out (a light, etc.) **2** to dismiss **3** to come out or assemble **4** to produce **5** to result **6** to prove to be **7** [Inf.] to get out of bed —**turn over** **1** to ponder **2** to hand over; transfer —**turn up** to happen, appear, arrive, etc. —**turn'er** *n.*

turn'a·bout' *n.* a shift or reversal of position, allegiance, opinion, etc.

turn'a·round' *n.* **1** TURNABOUT **2** a wide area, as in a driveway, for turning a vehicle around



TURNBUCKLE

turn'buck'le (-buk'əl) *n.* an adjustable coupling for two rods, etc., consisting of a metal sleeve with opposite internal threads at each end

turn'coat' *n.* a renegade; traitor

turn'ing *n.* **1** the action of one that turns **2** a place where a road, etc. turns

turning point a point in time when a decisive change occurs

tur·nip (tʉr'nip) *n.* [prob. < Fr *tour*, round + ME *nepe*, turnip] **1** a plant related to cabbage and broccoli, with a light-colored, roundish, edible root **2** the root

turn'key' *n.*, *pl.* **-keys'** a jailer

turn'off' *n.* **1** a turning off **2** a place to turn off, as a road ramp **3** [Slang] someone or something regarded as being boring, distasteful, etc.

turn'-on' *n.* [Slang] someone or something regarded as being interesting, exciting, etc.

turn'out' *n.* **1** a gathering of people, as for a meeting **2** a wider part of a narrow road, enabling vehicles to pass each other

turn'o'ver *n.* **1** a small pie with half the crust folded back over the other half **2** *a*) the number of times a stock of goods is sold and replaced in a given period *b*) the amount of business done during a given period **3** the rate of replacement of workers

turn'pike' (-pīk') *n.* [ME *turnpyke*, a spiked road barrier] a toll road, esp. one that is an expressway

turn'stile' (-stīl') *n.* a device, as a post with revolving horizontal bars, placed in an entrance to allow the passage of persons one at a time

turn'ta'ble *n.* a circular rotating platform, as for supporting a phonograph record being played

tur·pen·tine (tʉr'pən tīn') *n.* [< Gr *terebinthos*, tree yielding this substance] a colorless, volatile oil distilled from a substance extracted from various coniferous trees: used in paints, etc.

tur·pi·tude (tʉr'pi to͞od') *n.* [< L *turpis*, vile] baseness; vileness

tur·quoise (tʉr'kwoiz', -kwoiz') *n.* [< OFr *turqueis*, Turkish] **1** a greenish-blue semiprecious stone **2** its color

tur·ret (tʉr'it) *n.* [see TOWER] **1** a small tower projecting from a building, usually at a corner **2** a dome or revolving structure for guns, as on a warship, tank, or airplane **3** a rotating attachment for a lathe, etc. holding cutting tools

tur·tle (tʉrt'l) *n.* [< Fr *tortue*, tortoise] any of various land or water reptiles having a soft body encased in a tough shell —**turn turtle** to turn upside down

tur'tle·dove' *n.* [< L echoic *turtur*] a wild dove with a plaintive call

tur'tle·neck' *n.* **1** a high, snug, turned-down collar, as on a pullover sweater **2** a sweater, etc. with such a collar

tusk (tusk) *n.* [OE *tucs*] a very long, large, pointed tooth projecting outside the mouth

tus·sle (tus'əl) *vi.* **-sled**, **-sling**, *n.* [< ME *tusen*, to pull] struggle; scuffle

tus·sock (tus'ək) *n.* [< ?] a thick tuft or clump of grass, sedge, etc.

tu·te·lage (to͞ot'l ij) *n.* [< L *tutela*, protection] **1** guardianship; care, protection, etc. **2** instruction —**tu'te·lar'y** (-er' ē) *adj.*

tu·tor (to͞ot'ər) *n.* [< L *tueri*, to guard] a private teacher —*vt.*, *vi.* to act as a tutor (to); teach —**tu·to·ri·al** (to͞o tôr'ē əl, tyo͞o-) *adj.*, *n.*

tut·ti-frut·ti (to͞ot'ē fro͞ot'ē) *n.* [It, all fruits] ice cream, etc. made with mixed fruits



TUTU

tu·tu (to͞o′to͞o′) ***n.*** ⟦Fr⟧ a very short, full, projecting skirt worn by ballerinas

Tu·va·lu (to͞o′və lo͞o′) country on a group of islands in the WC Pacific, north of Fiji: 10 sq. mi.; pop. 10,000

tux (tuks) ***n.***, *pl.* **tux′es** *short for* TUXEDO

tux·e·do (tuk sē′dō) ***n.***, *pl.* **-dos** ⟦after a country club near *Tuxedo* Lake, NY⟧ a man's semiformal suit with a tailless jacket

TV ***n.*** **1** television **2** *pl.* **TVs** or **TV's** a television receiving set

TVA *abbrev.* Tennessee Valley Authority

TV dinner a frozen, precooked dinner packaged in a divided tray for heating and serving

twad·dle (twäd′l) ***n.*** ⟦prob. var. of TATTLE⟧ foolish, empty talk or writing; nonsense

twain (twān) ***adj.***, ***n.*** ⟦OE *twegen*, two⟧ *archaic var. of* TWO

Twain (twān), **Mark** *pseud. for* Samuel Langhorne CLEMENS

twang (twaŋ) ***n.*** ⟦echoic⟧ **1** a sharp, vibrating sound, as of a plucked string **2** a sharply nasal way of speaking —***vi.***, ***vt.*** to make or cause to make a twang —**twang′y**, **-i·er**, **-i·est**, ***adj.***

'twas (twuz, twäz) *contr.* [Old Poet.] it was

tweak (twēk) ***vt.*** ⟦OE *twiccan*, to twitch⟧ **1** to give a twisting pinch to (someone's nose, ear, etc.) **2** to adjust slightly —***n.*** such a pinch

tweed (twēd) ***n.*** ⟦< misreading of *tweel*, Scot form of TWILL⟧ **1** a rough wool fabric in a weave of two or more colors **2** [*pl.*] clothes of tweed

tweed′y ***adj.*** **-i·er**, **-i·est** **1** of, like, or wearing tweeds **2** having an informal style, a fondness for the outdoors, etc.

'tween (twēn) *contr.* ***prep.*** ⟦ME *twene*⟧ [Old Poet.] between

tweet (twēt) ***interj.***, ***n.*** ⟦echoic⟧ (used to signify or imitate) the thin, chirping sound of a small bird —***vi.*** to make this sound

tweet′er ***n.*** a small, high-fidelity speaker for reproducing high-frequency sounds

tweeze (twēz) ***vt.*** **tweezed**, **tweez′ing** to pluck with tweezers

tweez·ers (twē′zərz) ***pl.n.*** ⟦< obs. *tweeze*, surgical set⟧ [*also with sing. v.*] a small tool having two arms joined at one end, for plucking out hairs, etc.

twelfth (twelfth) ***adj.*** ⟦OE *twelfta*⟧ preceded by eleven others; 12th —***n.*** **1** the one following the eleventh **2** any of the twelve equal parts of something; $\frac{1}{12}$

Twelfth Day Epiphany, the twelfth day after Christmas: **Twelfth Night** is the evening before, or of, Epiphany

twelve (twelv) ***adj.***, ***n.*** ⟦OE *twelf*⟧ two more than ten; 12; XII

12-step or **twelve-step** (twelv′step′) ***adj.*** designating or of any rehabilitation program modeled on that of AA

twelve′-tone′ ***adj.*** *Music* of composition in which the twelve tones of the chromatic scale are fixed in some arbitrary succession (*tone row*)

twen·ty (twent′ē) ***adj.***, ***n.***, *pl.* **-ties** ⟦OE *twegentig*⟧ two times ten; 20; XX —**the twenties** the numbers or years, as of a century, from 20 through 29 —**twen′ti·eth** (-ith) ***adj.***, ***n.***

twen′ty-one′ ***n.*** BLACKJACK (*n.* 2)

twen′ty-twen′ty (or **20/20**) **vision** normal visual ability, i.e., seeing clearly at 20 feet what the normal eye sees at 20 feet

twerp (twʉrp) ***n.*** ⟦ult. < ? Dan *tver*, perverse⟧ [Slang] a person regarded as insignificant, contemptible, etc.

twice (twīs) ***adv.*** ⟦OE *twiga*⟧ **1** two times **2** two times as much or as many

twid·dle (twid′l) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** **-dled**, **-dling** ⟦prob. < TW(IST) + (*d*)*iddle*, move back and forth rapidly⟧ to twirl or play with (something) lightly or idly —**twiddle one's thumbs** to be idle

twig (twig) ***n.*** ⟦OE *twigge*⟧ a small branch of a tree or shrub

twi·light (twī′līt′) ***n.*** ⟦ME⟧ **1** the subdued light just after sunset **2** the period from sunset to dark **3** a gradual decline —***adj.*** of twilight

twi·lit (twī′lit) ***adj.*** in the subdued light of twilight

twill (twil) ***n.*** ⟦OE *twilic*, woven of double thread⟧ a kind of cloth woven in parallel diagonal lines —**twilled** ***adj.***

twin (twin) ***adj.*** ⟦OE *twinn*, double⟧ **1** consisting of, or being one of a pair of, two similar things **2** being a twin or twins —***n.*** **1** either of two offspring from the same pregnancy **2** either of two persons or things that are very much alike

twin bed either of a pair of single beds

twine (twīn) ***n.*** ⟦OE *twin*⟧ strong thread, string, etc. of strands twisted together —***vt.***, ***vi.*** **twined**, **twin′ing** **1** to twist together **2** to wind (around)

twinge (twinj) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** **twinged**, **twing′ing** ⟦OE *twengan*, to squeeze⟧ to (cause to) have a sudden, sharp pain, qualm, etc. —***n.*** such a pain, etc.

twi-night or **twi·night** (twī′nīt′) ***adj.*** ⟦TWI(LIGHT) + NIGHT⟧ *Baseball* designating a double-header starting in late afternoon and going into evening

twin·kle (twiŋ′kəl) ***vi.*** **-kled**, **-kling** ⟦OE *twinclian*⟧ **1** to shine with quick, intermittent gleams **2** to light up, as with

amusement: said of the eyes **3** to move to and fro quickly: said as of a dancer's feet —*n.* **1** a glint in the eye **2** a gleam; sparkle

twin'kling *n.* an instant

twin'-size' *adj.* of or being the standard size of a twin bed: also **twin'-sized'**

twirl (twurl) *vt.*, *vi.* [prob. < Scand] **1** to rotate rapidly; spin **2** to whirl in a circle —*n.* **1** a twirling **2** a twist, coil, etc. —**twirl'er** *n.*

twist (twist) *vt.* [< OE *-twist*, a rope] **1** to wind (strands, etc.) around one another **2** to wind (rope, etc.) around something **3** to give spiral shape to **4** *a*) to subject to torsion *b*) to wrench; sprain **5** to contort or distort **6** to confuse **7** to pervert the meaning of **8** to cause to rotate **9** to break (*off*) by turning the end —*vi.* **1** to undergo twisting **2** to spiral, twine, etc. (*around* or *about*) **3** to revolve or rotate **4** to wind, as a path does **5** to squirm; writhe —*n.* **1** something twisted **2** a twisting or being twisted **3** stress produced by twisting **4** a contortion **5** a wrench or sprain **6** a turn; bend **7** distortion, as of meaning **8** an unexpected or different direction, method, slant, etc.

twist'er *n.* **1** a person or thing that twists **2** [Inf.] a tornado or cyclone

twist'-tie' *n.* a short wire covered with paper or plastic, twisted to tie closed a plastic bag, etc.

twit[1] (twit) *vt.* **twit'ted**, **twit'ting** [< OE *æt*, at + *witan*, accuse] to reproach, taunt, etc.

twit[2] (twit) *n.* [< ?] [Inf.] a foolish, contemptible person

twitch (twich) *vt.*, *vi.* [< OE *twiccian*, to pluck] to pull (at) or move with a quick, slight jerk —*n.* **1** a twitching **2** a sudden, quick motion, esp. a spasmodic one

twitch'y *adj.* **-i·er**, **-i·est** [Inf.] nervous; jittery

twit·ter (twit'ər) *vi.* [ME *twiteren*] **1** to chirp rapidly **2** *a*) to chatter *b*) to giggle **3** to tremble with excitement —*n.* **1** a twittering **2** a condition of trembling excitement

'twixt (twikst) *prep.* [Old Poet.] betwixt; between

two (to͞o) *adj.*, *n.* [OE *twa*] one more than one; 2; II —**in two** in two parts

two'-bit' *adj.* [Slang] cheap, inferior, etc.

two bits [Inf.] twenty-five cents

two'-by-four' *n.* a piece of lumber two inches thick and four inches wide when untrimmed (1½ by 3½ inches trimmed)

two'-edged' *adj.* **1** having two cutting edges **2** that can be taken two ways *[a two-edged remark]*

two'-faced' *adj.* **1** having two faces, surfaces, etc. **2** deceitful; hypocritical

two·fer (to͞o'fər) *n.* [altered < *two for*] [Inf.] a pair, as of theater tickets, sold for the price of one

two'-fist'ed *adj.* [Inf.] **1** able to use both fists **2** vigorous; virile

two'fold' *adj.* **1** having two parts **2** having twice as much or as many — *adv.* twice as much or as many

two'-hand'ed *adj.* **1** requiring the use of both hands **2** operated, played, etc. by two persons

two·pence (tup'əns) *n.* two pence

two'-ply' *adj.* having two layers, strands, etc.

two'some (-səm) *n.* two people; a couple

two'-time' *vt.* **-timed'**, **-tim'ing** [Slang] to be unfaithful to —**two'-tim'er** *n.*

two'-tone' *adj.* of or having two colors

two'-way' *adj.* **1** allowing passage in either direction **2** involving two or used in two ways

Twp *abbrev.* township

TX Texas

-ty (tē, ti) [< L *-tas*] *suffix* quality of, condition of

ty·coon (tī ko͞on') *n.* [< Jpn < Chin *tai*, great + *kuan*, official] a wealthy, powerful industrialist, financier, etc.

ty·ing (tī'iŋ) *vt.*, *vi. prp. of* TIE

tyke (tīk) *n.* [< ON *tik*, a bitch] [Inf.] a small child

Ty·ler (tī'lər), **John** 1790-1862; 10th president of the U.S. (1841-45)

tym·pa·ni (tim'pə nē) *pl.n.*, *sing.* **-no'** (-nō') *alt. sp. of* TIMPANI —**tym'pa·nist** *n.*

tym·pan·ic membrane (tim pan'ik) a thin membrane inside the ear that vibrates when struck by sound waves

tym·pa·num (tim'pə nəm) *n.*, *pl.* **-nums** or **-na** (-nə) [L, a drum] **1** MIDDLE EAR **2** TYMPANIC MEMBRANE

type (tīp) *n.* [< Gr *typos*, a mark] **1** the characteristic form, plan, style, etc. of a class or group **2** a class, group, etc. with characteristics in common **3** a person, animal, or thing representative of a class **4** a perfect example; model **5** *a*) a piece of metal or wood with a raised letter, etc. in reverse on its top, used in printing *b*) such pieces collectively *c*) a printed or photographically reproduced character or characters —*vt.* **typed**, **typ'ing** **1** to classify **2** to write using the keyboard of a typewriter or computer —*vi.* to use the keyboard of a typewriter or computer

-type (tīp) *combining form* **1** type, representative form, example *[stereotype]* **2** print, printing type

type'cast' *vt.* **-cast'**, **-cast'ing** to cast (an actor) repeatedly in the same type of part

type'script' *n.* typewritten matter

type'set' *vt.* **-set'**, **-set'ting** to set in type; compose

type'set'ter *n.* **1** a person who sets type **2** a machine for setting type

type'write' *vt.*, *vi.* **-wrote'**, **-writ'ten**, **-writ'ing** to write with a typewriter: now usually *type*

type'writ'er *n.* a writing machine with a keyboard, for reproducing letters resembling printed ones

ty·phoid (tī'foid') *n.* [TYPH(US) + -OID] an acute infectious disease caused by a bacillus and acquired by ingesting contaminated food or water: characterized by fever, intestinal disorders, etc.: in full **typhoid fever**

ty·phoon (tī fo͞on') *n.* [< Chin *tai-fung*,

great wind] a violent tropical cyclone originating in the W Pacific

ty·phus (tī′fəs) ***n.*** [< Gr *typhos*, fever] an acute infectious disease caused by certain bacteria, transmitted by fleas, lice, etc., and characterized by fever, skin rash, etc.: in full **typhus fever**

typ·i·cal (tip′i kəl) ***adj.*** **1** serving as a type **2** having the distinguishing characteristics of a class, group, etc.; representative **3** belonging to a type; characteristic —**typ′i·cal·ly** ***adv.***

typ·i·fy (tip′i fī′) ***vt.*** **-fied′, -fy′ing** to have the characteristics of; be typical of; exemplify —**typ′i·fi·ca′tion** ***n.***

typ·ist (tīp′ist) ***n.*** a person who operates a typewriter

ty·po (tī′pō) ***n.***, *pl.* **-pos** [Inf.] an error made in setting type or in typing

ty·pog·ra·phy (tī päg′rə fē) ***n.*** [see TYPE & -GRAPHY] **1** setting, and printing with, type **2** the arrangement, style, etc. of matter printed from type —**ty·pog′ra·pher** ***n.*** —**ty′po·graph′i·cal** (-pə graf′i kəl) ***adj.*** —**ty′po·graph′i·cal·ly** ***adv.***

ty·ran·ni·cal (tə ran′i kəl, tī-) ***adj.*** **1** of or suited to a tyrant **2** harsh, cruel, unjust, etc. Also **ty·ran′nic** —**ty·ran′ni·cal·ly** ***adv.***

tyr·an·nize (tir′ə nīz′) ***vi.*** **-nized′, -niz′ing** **1** to govern as a tyrant **2** to govern or use authority harshly or cruelly —***vt.*** to treat tyrannically; oppress



TYRANNOSAUR

ty·ran·no·saur (tə ran′ə sôr′) ***n.*** [< Gr *tyrannos*, tyrant + *sauros*, lizard] a huge, two-footed, flesh-eating dinosaur: also **ty·ran′no·saur′us** (-əs)

tyr·an·ny (tir′ə nē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-nies** **1** the authority, government, etc. of a tyrant **2** cruel and unjust use of power **3** a tyrannical act —**tyr′an·nous** ***adj.***

ty·rant (tī′rənt) ***n.*** [< Gr *tyrannos*] **1** an absolute ruler **2** a cruel, oppressive ruler, master, etc.

ty·ro (tī′rō) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ros** [< L *tiro*, young soldier] a beginner in learning something; novice

Ty·rol (ti rōl′, -räl′) *alt. sp. of* TIROL

tzar (tsär, zär) ***n.*** *var. of* CZAR —**tza·ri·na** (tsä rē′nə, zä-) ***fem.n.***

U

u[1] or **U** (yo͞o) ***n.***, *pl.* **u's, U's** the 21st letter of the English alphabet

u[2] *abbrev.* unit(s)

U[1] *abbrev.* **1** Union **2** United **3** University

U[2] *Chem. symbol for* uranium

UAW *abbrev.* United Automobile Workers (of America)

u·biq·ui·tous (yo͞o bik′wə təs) ***adj.*** [< L *ubique*, everywhere] (seemingly) present everywhere at the same time —**u·biq′ui·ty** ***n.***

U′-boat′ ***n.*** [< Ger *Unterseeboot*, undersea boat] a German submarine

U bolt a U-shaped bolt with threads and a nut at each end

ud·der (ud′ər) ***n.*** [OE *udr*] a baglike, milk-secreting organ with two or more teats, as in cows

UFO ***n.***, *pl.* **UFOs** or **UFO's** an unidentified flying object

u·fol·o·gy (yo͞o fäl′ə jē) ***n.*** the study of UFOs, esp. when regarded as spacecraft from another planet —**u·fol′o·gist** ***n.***

U·gan·da (yo͞o gan′də, -gän′-) country in EC Africa: 93,065 sq. mi.; pop. 16,583,000 —**U·gan′dan** ***adj.***, ***n.***

ugh (o͝okh, o͝o, ug, *etc.*) ***interj.*** used to express disgust, horror, etc.

ug·ly (ug′lē) ***adj.*** **-li·er, -li·est** [< ON *uggr*, fear] **1** unpleasing to look at **2** bad, disgusting; etc. *[an ugly lie]* **3** ominous *[ugly* storm clouds*]* **4** [Inf.] cross; quarrelsome *[an ugly* mood*]* —**ug′li·ness** ***n.***

uh (u, un) ***interj.*** **1** HUH **2** used when hesitating in speaking

UHF or **uhf** *abbrev.* ultrahigh frequency

UK United Kingdom

u·kase (yo͞o′kās′, -kāz′) ***n.*** [Russ *ukaz*, edict] an official decree

U·kraine (yo͞o krān′) country in SE Europe: formerly a republic of the U.S.S.R.: 231,990 sq. mi.; pop. 51,452,000 —**U·krain′i·an** ***n.***, ***adj.***

u·ku·le·le (yo͞o′kə lā′lē) ***n.*** [Haw, leaping flea] a small, four-stringed, guitarlike musical instrument

UL *trademark for* Underwriters Laboratories

ul·cer (ul′sər) ***n.*** [L *ulcus*] **1** an open sore, often one discharging pus, on the skin or some mucous membrane **2** any corrupt condition —**ul′cer·ous** ***adj.***

ul′cer·ate′ (-āt′) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** **-at′ed, -at′ing** to make or become ulcerous —**ul′cer·a′tion** ***n.***

ul·na (ul′nə) ***n.***, *pl.* **-nae** (-nē) or **-nas** [L, the elbow] the larger of the two bones of the forearm —**ul′nar** ***adj.***

ul·ster (ul′stər) ***n.*** [after *Ulster*, in N Ireland] a long, loose, heavy overcoat

ult *abbrev.* ultimate(ly)

ul·te·ri·or (ul tir′ē ər) ***adj.*** [L: see ULTRA-] **1** lying beyond or on the farther side **2** beyond what is expressed or implied; undisclosed

ul·ti·mate (ul′tə mit) ***adj.*** [< L *ultimus*, last] **1** beyond which it is impossible to go **2** final; conclusive **3** basic **4** greatest possible —***n.*** a final point or result —**ul′ti·mate·ly** ***adv.***

ul·ti·ma·tum (ul′tə māt′əm) ***n.***, *pl.* **-tums** or **-ta** (-ə) [see prec.] a final offer or demand, as in negotiations

ul·tra (ul′trə) ***adj.*** [< fol.] going beyond the usual limit; extreme

ultra- [L < *ultra*, beyond] *prefix* **1** beyond *[ultrasonic]* **2** extremely *[ultraconservative]*

ul·tra·con·serv·a·tive (ul′trə kən sʉr′və tiv) ***adj.*** extremely conservative

ul·tra·high frequency (ul′trə hī′) any radio frequency between 300 and 3,000 megahertz

ul′tra·ma·rine′ (-mə rēn′) ***adj.*** deep-blue —***n.*** deep blue

ul′tra·son′ic (-sän′ik) ***adj.*** above the range of sound audible to the human ear —**ul′tra·son′i·cal·ly** ***adv.***

ul′tra·sound′ (-sound′) ***n.*** ultrasonic waves, used in medical diagnosis and therapy, etc.

ul′tra·vi′o·let (-vī′ə lit) ***adj.*** of or designating those rays that are just beyond the violet end of the visible spectrum

ul·u·late (yo͞ol′yo͞o lāt′, ul′-) ***vi.*** **-lat′ed, -lat′ing** [< L *ulūlare*, to howl] to howl, hoot, or wail loudly —**ul′u·la′tion** ***n.***

U·lys·ses (yo͞o lis′ēz′) ***n.*** [ML] ODYSSEUS

um·bel (um′bəl) ***n.*** [L *umbella*, parasol: see UMBRELLA] a cluster of flowers with stalks of similar length springing from the same point

um·ber (um′bər) ***n.*** [< It (*terra d')ombra*, (earth of) shade] **1** a kind of earth used as a yellowish-brown or reddish-brown pigment **2** a yellowish-brown or reddish-brown color

um·bil·i·cal (um bil′i kəl) ***adj.*** [< L *umbilicus*, navel] of a cordlike structure (**umbilical cord**) connecting a fetus's navel to the placenta, for conveying nourishment to, and removing waste from, the fetus

um·bil·i·cus (um bil′i kəs) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ci′** (-sī′) [L] NAVEL

um·bra (um′brə) ***n.***, *pl.* **-brae** (-brē) or **-bras** [L, a shade] **1** shade or a shadow **2** the dark cone of shadow from a planet or satellite on the side opposite the sun

um·brage (um′brij) ***n.*** [< L *umbra*, a shade] **1** [Obs.] shade **2** offense or resentment

um·brel·la (um brel′ə) ***n.*** [< L *umbra*, a shade] **1** a screen, usually of cloth on a folding frame, carried for protection against rain or sun **2** any comprehensive, protective alliance, strategy, device, etc.

u·mi·ak (o͞o′mē ak′) ***n.*** [Esk] a large, open boat made of skins on a wooden frame, used by Eskimos

um·laut (o͝om′lout) ***n.*** [Ger < *um*, about + *laut*, a sound] *Linguistics* **1** a vowel changed in sound by its assimilation to another vowel **2** the mark (¨) placed over such a vowel

ump (ump) ***n.***, ***vt.***, ***vi.*** *short for* UMPIRE

um·pire (um′pīr′) ***n.*** [< Fr *nomper*, uneven, hence a third person] **1** a person chosen to judge a dispute **2** an official who administers the rules in certain sports —***vt.***, ***vi.*** **-pired′, -pir′ing** to act as umpire (in or of)

ump·teen (ump′tēn′) ***adj.*** [Slang] very many —**ump′teenth′** ***adj.***

UN *abbrev.* United Nations

un- *prefix* **1** [OE] not, lack of, the opposite of *[unconcern]* **2** [OE *un-*, *on-*] back: indicating a reversal of action *[unfold]* The following list includes some common compounds formed with *un-* (either sense) that do not have special meanings:

unabashed
unable
unabridged
unaccented
unacceptable
unaccompanied
unacquainted
unadorned
unadulterated
unafraid
unaided
unaltered
unambiguous
unannounced
unanswered
unashamed
unasked
unassailable
unassisted
unattainable
unattractive
unauthorized
unavailable
unavoidable
unbearable
unbeaten
unbiased
unbleached
unblemished
unbound
unbreakable
unbroken
unbuckle
unbutton
uncap
unceasing
uncensored
unchallenged
unchanged
unchanging
unchecked
uncivilized
unclassified
unclean
unclear
uncomplaining
uncompleted
unconcealed
unconfirmed
unconnected
uncontaminated
uncontrollable
uncontrolled
uncontroversial
unconventional
unconvinced
uncooked
uncooperative
uncoordinated
uncultivated
undamaged
undefeated
undemocratic
undependable
undeserved
undesirable
undeveloped
undigested
undiminished
undisciplined
undisclosed
undiscovered
undisguised
undisputed
undisturbed
undivided
uneducated
unemotional
unending
unenlightened
unenviable
unethical
uneventful
unexpired
unexplained
unexplored
unexpressed
unexpurgated
unfair
unfashionable
unfasten
unfavorable
unfit
unflattering
unfocused
unforeseen
unforgivable
unforgotten
unfulfilled
unfurnished
ungrammatical
ungrateful
unhampered
unhandy
unharmed
unhealthful
unheeded
unhesitating
unhitch
unhook
unhurried
unhurt

unidentified
unimaginable
unimaginative
unimpaired
unimportant
unimproved
unincorporated
uninformed
uninhabited
uninjured
uninspired
uninsured
unintelligent
unintelligible
unintentional
uninteresting
uninterrupted
uninvited
uninviting
unjustifiable
unjustified
unknowing
unlace
unlatch
unleavened
unlicensed
unlined
unlisted
unloved
unmanageable
unmannerly
unmarked
unmarried
unmatched
unmerited
unmoved
unnamed
unnoticed
unobserved
unobstructed
unobtainable
unobtrusive
unoccupied
unofficial
unopened
unopposed
unorthodox
unpaid
unpalatable
unpardonable
unpaved
unpin
unplanned
unpolished
unpolluted
unpredictable
unprejudiced
unpremeditated
unprepared
unpretentious
unprofitable
unpromising
unprotected
unproved
unproven
unprovoked
unpunished
unquenchable
unquestioned
unquestioning
unreadable
unrealistic
unrealized
unrecognized
unrecorded
unrefined
unregulated
unrelated
unreliable
unrelieved
unrepentant
unresponsive
unrestricted
unsafe
unsanitary
unsatisfactory
unsatisfied
unsaturated
unscientific
unseasoned
unseeing
unseen
unsegmented
unselfish
unshackle
unshakable
unshaken
unshaven
unsociable
unsold
unsolicited
unsought
unspoiled
unspoken
unsuccessful
unsuitable
unsullied
unsupervised
unsure
unsurpassed
unsuspecting
unsweetened
unsympathetic
untainted
untamed
untarnished
untasted
untenable
untiring
untouched
untrained
untried
untroubled
untrue
untrustworthy
unvarying
unverified
unwanted
unwarranted
unwavering
unwed
unworkable
unyielding
unzip

un·ac·count·a·ble (un′ə kount′ə bəl) ***adj.*** **1** that cannot be explained; strange **2** not responsible

un′ac·cus′tomed ***adj.*** **1** not accustomed (*to*) **2** not usual; strange

un′ad·vised′ ***adj.*** **1** without counsel or advice **2** indiscreet; rash

un′af·fect′ed ***adj.*** **1** not affected or influenced **2** without affectation; simple; sincere

un′-A·mer′i·can ***adj.*** regarded as not properly American; esp., regarded as opposed to the U.S., its institutions, etc.

u·nan·i·mous (yo͞o nan′ə məs) ***adj.*** [< L *unus*, one + *animus*, the mind] agreeing completely; without dissent —**u·nan·im·i·ty** (yo͞o′nə nim′ə tē) ***n.*** —**u·nan′i·mous·ly** ***adv.***

un′ap·proach′a·ble ***adj.*** **1** not to be approached; inaccessible; aloof **2** having no equal; unmatched

un·armed′ ***adj.*** having no weapons

un′as·sum′ing ***adj.*** not forward; modest

un′at·tached′ ***adj.*** **1** not attached **2** not engaged or married

un′at·tend′ed ***adj.*** **1** not waited on **2** not accompanied (*by*) **3** neglected

un′a·vail′ing (-ə vāl′iŋ) ***adj.*** futile; useless

un′a·ware′ ***adj.*** not aware or conscious —***adv.*** UNAWARES

un′a·wares′ ***adv.*** **1** unintentionally **2** unexpectedly

un·backed′ ***adj.*** not backed, supported, etc.

un·bal′anced ***adj.*** **1** not in balance **2** *a*) mentally deranged *b*) erratic or unstable

un·bar′ ***vt.*** **-barred′**, **-bar′ring** to remove the bar or bars from; open

un′be·com′ing ***adj.*** not appropriate or suited to one's appearance, character, etc.; unattractive, indecorous, etc.

un·be·known (un′bē nōn′) ***adj.*** without one's knowledge; unknown: usually with *to*: also **un′be·knownst′** (-nōnst′)

un′be·lief′ ***n.*** lack of belief, esp. in religion

un′be·liev′a·ble ***adj.*** beyond belief; astounding; incredible

un′be·liev′er ***n.*** **1** one who does not believe **2** one who does not accept any, or any particular, religious belief

un·bend′ ***vt.***, ***vi.*** **-bent′** or **-bend′ed**, **-bend′ing** **1** to relax, as from formality **2** to straighten

un·bend′ing ***adj.*** **1** rigid; stiff **2** firm; resolute **3** aloof; austere

un·bid′den ***adj.*** **1** not commanded **2** not invited

un·blush′ing ***adj.*** **1** not blushing **2** shameless —**un·blush′ing·ly** ***adv.***

un·bolt′ ***vt.***, ***vi.*** to withdraw the bolt or bolts of (a door, etc.); open

un·born′ ***adj.*** **1** not born **2** still in the mother's uterus **3** yet to be

un·bos′om (-bo͝oz′əm) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** to tell or reveal (feelings, secrets, etc.) — **unbosom oneself** to reveal one's feelings, secrets, etc.

un·bound′ed ***adj.*** **1** without bounds or limits **2** not restrained

un′bowed′ (-bo͡ud′) ***adj.*** not yielding or giving in

un·bri′dled ***adj.*** **1** having no bridle on: said of a horse, etc. **2** uncontrolled

un·bur′den ***vt.*** **1** to free from a burden **2** to relieve (oneself, one's mind, etc.) by disclosing (guilt, etc.)

un′but′toned ***adj.*** **1** with buttons unfastened **2** free and easy; casual

un·called′-for′ *adj.* **1** not needed **2** unnecessary and out of place

un·can·ny (un kan′ē) ***adj.*** **1** mysterious and eerie; weird **2** so good, acute, etc. as to seem preternatural —**un·can′ni·ly** ***adv.***

un·cared′-for′ *adj.* not cared for or looked after; neglected

un′cer·e·mo′ni·ous *adj.* **1** not ceremonious; informal **2** curt; abrupt

un·cer′tain *adj.* **1** *a*) not surely or certainly known *b*) not sure or certain in knowledge; doubtful **2** vague **3** not dependable or reliable **4** varying —**un·cer′tain·ty**, *pl.* **-ties**, ***n.***

un·char′i·ta·ble *adj.* harsh or severe, as in opinion —**un·char′i·ta·bly** ***adv.***

un·chart′ed *adj.* not marked on a chart or map; unexplored or unknown

un·chris′tian *adj.* **1** not Christian **2** [Inf.] outrageous; dreadful

un·ci·al (un′shē əl, -shəl) ***adj.*** [L *uncialis,* inch-high] designating or of the large, rounded letters of Greek and Latin manuscripts between A.D. 300 and 900 —***n.*** uncial script or an uncial letter

un·cir′cum·cised′ *adj.* **1** not circumcised; specif., not Jewish; gentile **2** [Archaic] heathen

un·clasp′ ***vt.*** **1** to unfasten the clasp of **2** to release from a clasp or grasp

un·cle (uŋ′kəl) ***n.*** [< L *avunculus*] **1** the brother of one's father or mother **2** the husband of one's aunt

Uncle Sam [< abbrev. *U.S.*] [Inf.] the U.S. (government or people), personified as a tall man with whiskers, dressed in red, white, and blue

Uncle Tom [after main character in novel *Uncle Tom's Cabin* (1852)] [Inf.] a black person regarded as servile toward whites: a term of contempt

un·cloak′ ***vt.*** to reveal; expose

un·clothe′ ***vt.*** **-clothed′** or **-clad′**, **-cloth′ing** to undress, uncover, etc.

un·coil′ ***vt., vi.*** to unwind

un·com′fort·a·ble *adj.* **1** feeling discomfort **2** causing discomfort **3** ill at ease —**un·com′fort·a·bly** ***adv.***

un′com·mit′ted *adj.* **1** not committed or pledged **2** not taking a stand

un·com′mon *adj.* **1** rare; not common or usual **2** strange; remarkable

un′com·mu′ni·ca′tive *adj.* not communicative; reserved; taciturn

un·com′pro·mis′ing *adj.* not yielding; firm; inflexible

un′con·cern′ *n.* **1** apathy; indifference **2** lack of concern, or worry

un′con·cerned′ *adj.* **1** indifferent **2** not solicitous or anxious —**un′con·cern′ed·ly** ***adv.***

un′con·di′tion·al *adj.* without conditions or reservations; absolute

un·con·scion·a·ble (un kän′shən ə bəl) *adj.* **1** not guided or restrained by conscience **2** unreasonable or excessive **3** not fair or just —**un·con′scion·a·bly** ***adv.***

un·con′scious *adj.* **1** deprived of consciousness **2** not aware (*of*) **3** not doing or done on purpose [an *unconscious* habit] —**the unconscious** *Psychoanalysis* the sum of all thoughts, impulses, etc. of which the individual is not conscious but which influence the emotions and behavior —**un·con′scious·ly** ***adv.***

un′con·sti·tu′tion·al *adj.* not in accordance with a constitution, specif. the U.S. constitution

un·cool′ *adj.* [Slang] **1** unsophisticated **2** unfashionable, unacceptable, etc.

un·cork′ ***vt.*** to pull the cork out of

un·count′ed *adj.* **1** not counted **2** inconceivably numerous

un·cou′ple ***vt.*** **-pled**, **-pling** to unfasten (things coupled together)

un·couth (un kōōth′) ***adj.*** [OE < *un-*, not + *cunnan,* know] **1** awkward; ungainly **2** not cultured; crude

un·cov′er ***vt.*** **1** to disclose **2** to remove the cover from **3** to remove the hat, etc. from (the head) —***vi.*** to bare the head, as in respect

unc·tion (uŋk′shən) ***n.*** [< L *ungere,* anoint] **1** *a*) the act of anointing, as for medical or religious purposes *b*) the oil, ointment, etc. used for this **2** anything that soothes or comforts

unc·tu·ous (uŋk′chōō əs) ***adj.*** [see prec.] **1** oily or greasy **2** characterized by a smooth but insincere show of deep or earnest feeling

un·cut′ *adj.* not cut; specif., *a*) not ground to shape (said of a gem) *b*) not abridged or shortened

un·daunt′ed *adj.* not daunted; not hesitating because of fear or discouragement

un′de·ceive′ ***vt.*** **-ceived′**, **-ceiv′ing** to cause to be no longer deceived or misled

un′de·cid′ed *adj.* **1** not decided **2** not having come to a decision

un′de·mon′stra·tive *adj.* not demonstrative; not showing feelings openly; reserved

un′de·ni′a·ble *adj.* that cannot be denied; indisputable —**un′de·ni′a·bly** ***adv.***

un·der (un′dər) ***prep.*** [OE] **1** in, at, or to a position down from; below **2** beneath the surface of **3** below and to the other side of [drive *under* the bridge] **4** covered by [a vest *under* his coat] **5** *a*) lower in rank, position, amount, etc. than *b*) lower than the required degree of [*under* age] **6** subject to the control, limitations, etc. of [*under* oath] **7** undergoing [*under* repair] **8** with the disguise of [*under* an alias] **9** in (the designated category) **10** during the rule of [*under* Elizabeth I] **11** being the subject of [*under* discussion] **12** because of [*under* the circumstances] **13** authorized by —***adv.*** **1** in or to a lower position or state **2** so as to be covered, concealed, etc. —***adj.*** lower in position, authority, amount, etc.

under- *prefix* **1** in, on, to, or from a lower place; beneath [*undertow*] **2** in a subordinate position [*undersecretary*] **3** too little; insufficiently [*underdeveloped*]

un·der·a·chieve (un′dər ə chēv′) ***vi.***

-chieved′, **-chiev′ing** to fail to do as well in school as might be expected from intelligence tests —**un′der·a·chiev′er** *n.*

un′der·act′ *vt.*, *vi.* to act (a theatrical role) with insufficient emphasis or too great restraint

un′der·age′ *adj.* below the age required by law

un′der·arm′ *adj.* **1** of, for, in, or used on the area under the arm, or the armpit **2** UNDERHAND (sense 1) —*adv.* UNDERHAND

un′der·bel′ly *n.* **1** the lower, posterior part of an animal's belly **2** any vulnerable area, point, etc.

un′der·bid′ *vt.*, *vi.* **-bid′**, **-bid′ding** **1** to bid lower than (another person) **2** to bid less than the worth of (a thing, as one's hand in bridge)

un′der·brush′ *n.* small trees, shrubs, etc. growing in woods or forests

un′der·car′riage *n.* a supporting frame, as of an automobile

un′der·charge′ *vt.*, *vi.* **-charged′**, **-charg′ing** **1** to charge too low a price (to) **2** to provide with too small or low a charge

un′der·class′ *n.* the socioeconomic class with incomes below subsistence level, including esp. the underprivileged

un′der·class′man (-mən) *n.*, *pl.* **-men** (-mən) a freshman or sophomore in high school or college

un′der·clothes′ *pl.n.* UNDERWEAR: also **un′der·cloth′ing** *sing.n.*

un′der·coat′ *n.* **1** a tarlike coating applied to the underside of a motor vehicle to retard rust, etc. **2** a coat of paint, etc. applied before the final coat Also **un′der·coat′ing** —*vt.* to apply an undercoat to

un′der·cov′er *adj.* acting or carried out in secret

un′der·cur′rent *n.* **1** a current flowing beneath the surface **2** an underlying tendency, opinion, etc.

un′der·cut′ *vt.* **-cut′**, **-cut′ting** **1** to make a cut below or under **2** to undersell or work for lower wages than **3** to weaken or undermine

un′der·de·vel′oped *adj.* inadequately developed, esp. economically and industrially

un′der·dog′ *n.* **1** a person or team that is losing or expected to lose **2** a person at a disadvantage because of injustice, prejudice, etc.

un′der·done′ *adj.* not cooked enough

un′der·em·ployed′ *adj.* **1** working less than full time **2** working at low-skilled, poorly paid jobs when capable of doing more highly skilled work

un′der·es′ti·mate′ *vt.* **-mat′ed**, **-mat′ing** to set too low an estimate on or for —**un′der·es′ti·ma′tion** *n.*

un′der·ex·pose′ *vt.* **-posed′**, **-pos′ing** to expose (photographic film, etc.) to inadequate light or for too short a time

un′der·foot′ *adv.*, *adj.* **1** under the foot or feet **2** in the way

un′der·gar′ment *n.* a piece of underwear

un′der·go′ *vt.* **-went′**, **-gone′**, **-go′ing** to experience; go through

un′der·grad′u·ate *n.* a college student who has not yet earned a degree

un′der·ground′ *adj.* **1** under the earth's surface **2** secret; hidden **3** of newspapers, movies, etc. that are unconventional, radical, etc. —*adv.* **1** under the earth's surface **2** in or into secrecy —*n.* **1** the region under the earth's surface **2** a secret movement in a country to oppose the government or enemy occupation forces **3** [Brit.] a subway

un′der·growth′ *n.* UNDERBRUSH

un′der·hand′ *adj.* **1** done with the hand below the level of the elbow or shoulder **2** UNDERHANDED —*adv.* with an underhand motion

un′der·hand′ed *adj.* sly, deceitful, etc. —**un′der·hand′ed·ly** *adv.*

un′der·lie′ *vt.* **-lay′**, **-lain′**, **-ly′ing** **1** to lie beneath **2** to be the basis for; form the foundation of

un′der·line′ *vt.* **-lined′**, **-lin′ing** **1** to draw a line beneath **2** to stress

un·der·ling (un′dər liŋ) *n.* [OE: see UNDER- & -LING] a person in a subordinate position; inferior: usually a contemptuous term

un′der·ly′ing *adj.* **1** lying under **2** fundamental; basic

un′der·mine′ *vt.* **-mined′**, **-min′ing** **1** to dig beneath, so as to form a tunnel or mine **2** to wear away and weaken the supports of **3** to injure or weaken, esp. by subtle or insidious means

un′der·most′ *adj.*, *adv.* lowest in place, position, rank, etc.

un·der·neath (un′dər nēth′) *adv.*, *prep.* [< OE *under,* UNDER + *neothan,* below] under; below

un′der·nour′ished *adj.* not getting the food needed for health and growth

un′der·pants′ *pl.n.* an undergarment, long or short, for the lower part of the body

un′der·pass′ *n.* a passage under something; esp., a passageway under a railway

un′der·per·form′ *vi.* to be less successful than expected or needed —*vt.* to produce a smaller return than: said of stocks, etc.

un′der·pin′ning (-pin′iŋ) *n.* **1** a support or prop **2** [*pl.*] [Inf.] the legs

un′der·play′ *vt.*, *vi.* **1** UNDERACT **2** to make seem less important

un′der·priv′i·leged *adj.* deprived of a decent standard of living and economic security through poverty, discrimination, etc.

un′der·pro·duce′ *vt.*, *vi.* **-duced′**, **-duc′ing** to produce less than is needed or wanted

un′der·rate′ *vt.* **-rat′ed**, **-rat′ing** to rate or estimate too low

un′der·score′ *vt.* **-scored′**, **-scor′ing** UNDERLINE

un′der·sea′ *adj.*, *adv.* beneath the surface of the sea: also **un′der·seas′** *adv.*

un′der·sec′re·tar′y *n.*, *pl.* **-ies** an assistant secretary

un′der·sell′ *vt.* **-sold′, -sell′ing** **1** to sell at a lower price than **2** to publicize or promote in a restrained or inadequate manner

un′der·shirt′ *n.* a collarless undergarment worn under an outer shirt

un′der·shorts′ *pl.n.* short underpants worn by men and boys

un′der·shot′ *adj.* **1** with the lower part extending past the upper *[an undershot jaw]* **2** driven by water flowing along the lower part *[an undershot water wheel]*

un′der·side′ *n.* the side or surface that is underneath

un′der·signed′ *adj.* whose name is signed at the end —**the undersigned** the person or persons having signed at the end

un′der·skirt′ *n.* a skirt worn under another

un′der·staffed′ *adj.* having fewer workers on the staff than are needed

un′der·stand′ *vt.* **-stood′, -stand′ing** [< OE *understandan,* lit., to stand among] **1** to perceive the meaning of **2** to assume from what is heard, etc.; infer **3** to take as meant; interpret **4** to take as a fact **5** to know the nature, character, etc. of **6** to have a sympathetic rapport with —*vi.* **1** to have understanding, comprehension, etc. **2** to be informed; believe —**un′der·stand′a·ble** *adj.* —**un′der·stand′a·bly** *adv.*

un′der·stand′ing *n.* **1** comprehension **2** the power to think and learn; intelligence **3** a specific interpretation **4** mutual agreement, esp. one that settles differences —*adj.* that understands; sympathetic

un′der·state′ *vt.* **-stat′ed, -stat′ing** **1** to state too weakly **2** to state in a restrained style —**un′der·state′ment** *n.*

un′der·stud′y *n., pl.* **-ies** an actor prepared to substitute for another —*vt., vi.* **-ied, -y·ing** to learn (a part) as an understudy (to)

un′der·take′ *vt.* **-took′, -tak′en, -tak′ing** **1** to take upon oneself (a task, etc.) **2** to promise; guarantee

un′der·tak′er *n.* FUNERAL DIRECTOR: a somewhat old-fashioned usage

un′der·tak′ing *n.* **1** something undertaken; task; enterprise **2** a promise; guarantee

un′der-the-count′er *adj.* [Inf.] done secretly in an unlawful way: also **un′der-the-ta′ble**

un′der·things′ *pl.n.* women's or girls' underwear

un′der·tone′ *n.* **1** a low tone of voice **2** a subdued color **3** an underlying quality, factor, etc.

un′der·tow′ *n.* a current of water moving beneath the surface water and in a different direction

un′der·wa′ter *adj.* being, done, etc. beneath the surface of the water

un′der·way′ *adj.* **1** moving; making progress **2** *Naut.* not anchored or moored or aground

un′der·wear′ *n.* clothing worn under one's outer clothes, usually next to the skin, as undershirts

un·der·weight (un′dər wāt′, un′dər wāt′) *adj.* below the normal, desirable, or allowed weight

un′der·world′ *n.* **1** the mythical world of the dead; Hades **2** criminals regarded as a group

un′der·write′ *vt.* **-wrote′, -writ′ten, -writ′ing** **1** to agree to market (an issue of securities), guaranteeing to buy any part remaining unsubscribed **2** to agree to pay the cost of or cover the losses of (an undertaking, etc.) **3** to sign one's name to (an insurance policy), thus assuming liability —**un′der·writ′er** *n.*

un·dies (un′dēz′) *pl.n.* [Inf.] women's or girls' underwear

un·do′ *vt.* **-did′, -done′, -do′ing** **1** to untie, open, etc. **2** to do away with; cancel **3** to bring to ruin

un·doc′u·ment′ed *adj.* not having a proper visa for U.S. residence *[an undocumented alien]*

un·do′ing *n.* **1** an annulling **2** a bringing to ruin **3** the cause of ruin

un·done′ *adj.* **1** not done; not performed, accomplished, etc. **2** ruined **3** emotionally upset

un·doubt′ed *adj.* not doubted or disputed; certain —**un·doubt′ed·ly** *adv.*

un·dreamed′ *adj.* not even dreamed (*of*) or imagined: also **un·dreamt′** (-dremt′)

un·dress′ *vt.* to take off the clothing of —*vi.* to take off one's clothes

un·due′ *adj.* **1** not appropriate; improper **2** excessive; immoderate

un·du·lant (un′jə lənt, -dyə-) *adj.* undulating

un′du·late′ (-lāt′) *vi., vt.* [< L *unda,* a wave] **1** to move or cause to move in waves **2** to have or cause to have a wavy form or surface —**un′du·la′tion** *n.*

un·du′ly *adv.* **1** improperly **2** excessively

un·dy′ing *adj.* immortal or eternal

un·earned′ *adj.* not earned by work or service; specif., obtained as a return on an investment *[unearned income]*

un·earth′ *vt.* **1** to dig up from the earth **2** to bring to light; disclose

un·earth′ly *adj.* **1** supernatural **2** weird; mysterious **3** [Inf.] fantastic, outlandish, etc.

un·eas′y *adj.* **-i·er, -i·est** **1** having, showing, or allowing no ease of body or mind; uncomfortable **2** awkward; constrained **3** anxious; apprehensive —**un·eas′i·ly** *adv.* —**un·eas′i·ness** *n.*

un′em·ploy′a·ble *adj.* not employable, specif. because of severe physical or mental handicaps, outmoded skills, etc.

un′em·ployed′ *adj.* **1** not employed; without work **2** not being used —**un′em·ploy′ment** *n.*

un·e′qual *adj.* **1** not equal, as in size, strength, ability, or value **2** not balanced, even, regular, etc. **3** not adequate (*to*)

un·e′qualed or **un·e′qualled** *adj.* not equaled; unmatched; unrivaled

un′e·quiv′o·cal *adj.* not equivocal; plain; clear

un·err·ing (un ʉr′iŋ, -er′-) ***adj.*** **1** free from error **2** not missing or failing; sure; exact

UNESCO (yo͞o nes′kō) ***n.*** United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization

un·e′ven ***adj.*** **1** not even, level, smooth, regular, etc. **2** unequal **3** *Math.* odd —**un·e′ven·ly** ***adv.***

un′ex·am′pled ***adj.*** having no parallel or precedent; unprecedented

un′ex·cep′tion·a·ble ***adj.*** not exceptionable; without fault; beyond criticism

un′ex·cep′tion·al ***adj.*** ordinary

un′ex·pect′ed ***adj.*** not expected; unforeseen —**un′ex·pect′ed·ly** ***adv.***

un·fail′ing ***adj.*** **1** not failing **2** never ceasing or falling short; inexhaustible **3** always reliable

un·faith′ful ***adj.*** **1** lacking or breaking faith or loyalty **2** not true, accurate, etc. **3** adulterous —**un·faith′ful·ness** ***n.***

un′fa·mil′iar ***adj.*** **1** not well-known; strange **2** not acquainted (*with*) —**un′fa·mil′i·ar′i·ty** ***n.***

un·feel′ing ***adj.*** **1** incapable of feeling; insensible **2** hardhearted; cruel —**un·feel′ing·ly** ***adv.***

un·feigned (un fānd′) ***adj.*** genuine

un·fin′ished ***adj.*** **1** not finished; incomplete **2** not painted, varnished, etc.

un·flap′pa·ble (-flap′ə bəl) ***adj.*** [< UN- + FLAP, *n.* 3 + -ABLE] [Inf.] not easily excited; imperturbable

un·flinch′ing ***adj.*** steadfast; firm

un·fold′ ***vt.*** **1** to open and spread out (something folded) **2** to lay open to view; reveal, explain, etc. —***vi.*** **1** to become unfolded **2** to develop fully

un′for·get′ta·ble ***adj.*** so important, beautiful, shocking, etc. as never to be forgotten

un′for·giv′ing ***adj.*** not willing or not able to forgive

un·for′tu·nate ***adj.*** **1** having or bringing bad luck; unlucky **2** not suitable or successful —***n.*** an unfortunate person —**un·for′tu·nate·ly** ***adv.***

un·found′ed ***adj.*** not founded on fact or truth

un·friend′ly ***adj.*** **-li·er, -li·est** **1** not friendly or kind **2** not favorable —**un·friend′li·ness** ***n.***

un·frock′ ***vt.*** to deprive of the rank of priest or minister

un·furl′ ***vt., vi.*** to open or spread out from a furled state

un·gain·ly (un gān′lē) ***adj.*** [< ME *un-*, not + ON *gegn*, ready] awkward; clumsy

un·god′ly ***adj.*** **1** not godly or religious **2** [Inf.] outrageous —**un·god′li·ness** ***n.***

un·gov′ern·a·ble ***adj.*** that cannot be governed or controlled; unruly

un·gra′cious ***adj.*** **1** not gracious; rude **2** unpleasant; unattractive

un·guard′ed ***adj.*** **1** unprotected **2** without guile or cunning **3** careless; imprudent

un·guent (uŋ′gwənt) ***n.*** [< L *unguere*, anoint] a salve or ointment

un·gu·late (uŋ′gyo͞o lit, -lāt′) ***adj.*** [< L *unguis*, a nail] having hoofs —***n.*** a mammal having hoofs

un·hand′ ***vt.*** to release from the hand or hands; let go of

un·hap′py ***adj.*** **-pi·er, -pi·est** **1** unfortunate **2** sad; wretched **3** not suitable —**un·hap′pi·ly** ***adv.*** —**un·hap′pi·ness** ***n.***

un·health′y ***adj.*** **-i·er, -i·est** **1** sickly; not well **2** harmful to health **3** harmful to morals **4** dangerous or risky —**un·health′i·ness** ***n.***

un·heard′ ***adj.*** **1** not perceived by the ear **2** not given a hearing

un·heard′-of′ ***adj.*** **1** not heard of before; unprecedented or unknown **2** unacceptable or outrageous

un·hinge′ ***vt.*** **-hinged′, -hing′ing** **1** to remove from the hinges **2** to unbalance (the mind) of (someone)

un·ho′ly ***adj.*** **-li·er, -li·est** **1** not sacred, hallowed, etc. **2** wicked; profane **3** [Inf.] outrageous

un·horse′ ***vt.*** **-horsed′, -hors′ing** to throw (a rider) from a horse

uni- [L < *unus*, one] *prefix* one; having only one

u·ni·bod·y (yo͞o′nə bäd′ē) ***adj.*** designating automobile construction in which roof, floor, panels, etc. are welded together into a single unit

u′ni·cam′er·al (-kam′ər əl) ***adj.*** [< UNI- + L *camera*, chamber] of or having a single legislative chamber

UNICEF (yo͞o′nə sef′) ***n.*** United Nations Children's Fund: formerly, *United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund*



UNICORN

u·ni·corn (yo͞o′nə kôrn′) ***n.*** [< L *unus*, one + *cornu*, horn] a mythical horselike animal with a single horn growing from its forehead

u·ni·cy·cle (yo͞o′nə sī′kəl) ***n.*** [UNI- + (BI)CYCLE] a one-wheeled vehicle straddled by the rider who pushes its pedals —**u′ni·cy′clist** ***n.***

u·ni·form (yo͞o′nə fôrm′) ***adj.*** [< L *unus*, one + *-formis*, -FORM] **1** not varying in form, rate, degree, etc. **2** like others of the same class —***n.*** the distinctive clothes of a particular group, as of soldiers —***vt.*** to supply with a uniform —**u′ni·form′i·ty** ***n.*** —**u′ni·form′ly** ***adv.***

u·ni·fy (yo͞o′nə fī′) ***vt., vi.*** **-fied′, -fy′ing** [see UNI- & -FY] to become or make united —**u′ni·fi·ca′tion** ***n.***

u·ni·lat·er·al (yo͞o′nə lat′ər əl) ***adj.*** **1** of, occurring on, or affecting one side only **2** involving only one of several parties;

not reciprocal

un·im·peach·a·ble (un′im pēch′ə bəl) *adj.* that cannot be doubted or discredited; irreproachable

un′in·hib′it·ed *adj.* without inhibition; esp., free of the usual social or psychological restraints on one's behavior

un·in′ter·est·ed *adj.* not interested; indifferent

un·ion (yo͞on′yən) *n.* [< L *unus,* one] **1** a uniting or being united; combination **2** a grouping together of nations, etc. for some specific purpose **3** marriage **4** something united **5** *short for* LABOR UNION **6** a design symbolizing political union, used as in a flag **7** a device for joining parts, as of a machine —**the Union** **1** the United States **2** the North in the Civil War

un′ion·ize′ (-īz′) *vt., vi.* **-ized′, -iz′ing** to organize into a labor union —**un′ion·i·za′tion** *n.*

union jack **1** a flag, esp. a national flag, consisting only of a UNION (sense 6) **2** [U- J-] the flag of the United Kingdom

Union of Soviet Socialist Republics former country in E Europe & N Asia: formed as a union of 15 constituent republics, it was disbanded in 1991

u·nique (yo͞o nēk′) *adj.* [< L *unus,* one] **1** one and only; sole **2** without like or equal **3** very unusual: a usage still objected to by some

u·ni·sex (yo͞o′nə seks′) *adj.* of or involving a fashion, as in haircuts, that is not differentiated for the sexes

u·ni·son (yo͞o′nə sən, -zən) *n.* [< L *unus,* one + *sonus,* a sound] **1** a musical interval consisting of two identical pitches **2** agreement —**in unison** with all the voices or instruments performing the same part

u·nit (yo͞o′nit) *n.* [< UNITY] **1** the smallest whole number; one **2** a standard basic quantity, measure, etc. **3** a single person or group, esp. as a part of a whole **4** a distinct part or object with a specific purpose

U·ni·tar·i·an (yo͞o′nə ter′ē ən) *n.* a member of a religious denomination accepting the moral teachings of Jesus, but holding that God is a single being

u·ni·tar·y (yo͞o′nə ter′ē) *adj.* **1** of a unit or units **2** of or based on unity

u·nite (yo͞o nīt′) *vt., vi.* **-nit′ed, -nit′ing** [< L *unus,* one] **1** to put or join together so as to make one; combine **2** to bring or come together in common cause, action, etc.

United Arab Emirates (em′ər əts) country in E Arabia, on the Persian Gulf: 32,300 sq. mi.; pop. 1,622,000

United Arab Republic *former name for* Egypt (1961-71)

United Kingdom country in W Europe, consisting of Great Britain & Northern Ireland: 93,636 sq. mi.; pop. 55,734,000

United Nations an international organization of nations for world peace and security: formed in 1945 and having, in 2001, a membership of 189

United States of America country including 49 states in North America, and Hawaii: 3,787,318 sq. mi.; pop. 248,710,000; cap. Washington, DC: also called **United States**

u·nit·ize (yo͞o′nə tīz′) *vt.* **-ized′, -iz′ing** to make into a single unit

unit pricing a system of showing prices, as of foods, in terms of standard units

u·ni·ty (yo͞o′nə tē) *n., pl.* **-ties** [< L *unus,* one] **1** a being united; oneness **2** a single, separate thing **3** harmony; agreement **4** a complex that is a union of related parts **5** a harmonious, unified arrangement of parts in an artistic work **6** continuity of purpose, action, etc. **7** *Math.* any quantity, etc. identified as a unit, or 1

univ *abbrev.* university

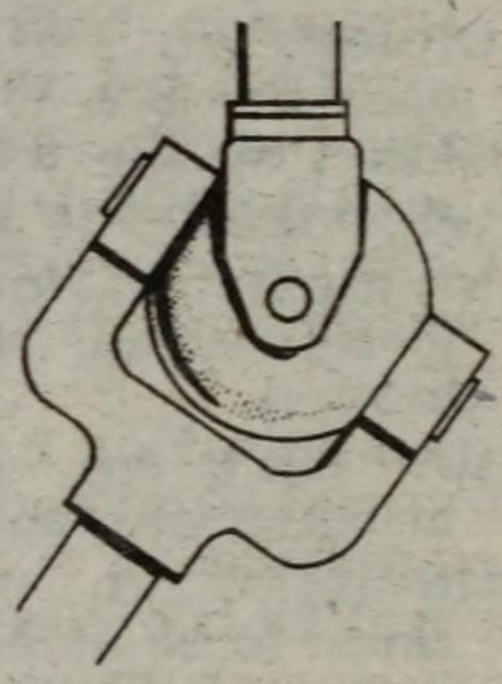
u·ni·va·lent (yo͞o′nə vā′lənt) *adj. Chem.* **1** having one valence **2** having a valence of one

u·ni·valve (yo͞o′nə valv′) *n.* a mollusk with a one-piece shell, as a snail

u·ni·ver·sal (yo͞o′nə vur′səl) *adj.* **1** of the universe; present everywhere **2** of, for, or including all or the whole **3** used, or intended to be used, for all kinds, sizes, etc. or by all people —**u′ni·ver·sal′i·ty** (-vər sal′ə tē) *n.*

u′ni·ver′sal·ize′ *vt.* **-ized′, -iz′ing** to make universal

universal joint (or **coupling**) a joint or coupling that permits a swing of limited angle in any direction, esp. one for transmitting rotary motion from one shaft to another not in line with it



UNIVERSAL JOINT

u′ni·ver′sal·ly *adv.* **1** in every instance **2** in every part or place

Universal Product Code a patterned series of vertical bars printed on consumer products: it can be read by computerized scanners for pricing, etc.

u·ni·verse (yo͞o′nə vurs′) *n.* [< L *unus,* one + *vertere,* to turn] **1** the totality of all things that exist **2** the world

u·ni·ver·si·ty (yo͞o′nə vur′sə tē) *n., pl.* **-ties** [see prec.] **1** an educational institution offering bachelor's and advanced degrees **2** the grounds, buildings, etc. of a university

un·just (un just′) *adj.* not just or right; unfair —**un·just′ly** *adv.*

un·kempt′ (-kempt′) *adj.* [UN- + *kempt* < dial. *kemben,* to comb] **1** tangled, disheveled, etc. **2** not tidy; slovenly

un·kind′ *adj.* not kind; specif., *a*) not considerate of others *b*) harsh, severe, cruel, etc. —**un·kind′ness** *n.*

un·kind′ly *adj.* UNKIND —*adv.* in an unkind way

un·known′ *adj.* not known; specif., *a*) unfamiliar (*to*) *b*) not identified, etc. —*n.* an unknown person or thing

un·law′ful *adj.* **1** against the law; illegal **2** immoral —**un·law′ful·ly** *adv.* —**un·law′ful·ness** *n.*

un·lead′ed *adj.* not containing lead compounds: said of gasoline

un·learn′ *vt., vi.* to forget or try to forget (something learned)

un·learn′ed (-lur′nid; *for 2*, -lurnd′) *adj.* **1** not having much learning; uneducated **2** not learned or memorized *[unlearned* lessons*]*

un·leash′ *vt.* to release from or as from a leash

un·less (un les′) *conj.* [< ME *on lesse that*, at less than] except if; except that

un·let′tered *adj.* **1** ignorant; uneducated **2** illiterate

un·like′ *adj.* not alike; different —*prep.* **1** not like; different from **2** not characteristic of

un·like′ly *adj.* **1** not likely; improbable **2** not likely to succeed —**un·like′li·hood′** *n.*

un·lim′ber *vt., vi.* to get ready for use or action

un·lim′it·ed *adj.* **1** without limits or restrictions **2** vast; immeasurable

un·load′ *vt., vi.* **1** *a*) to remove (a load) *b*) to take a load from **2** *a*) to tell (one's troubles, etc.) without restraint *b*) to relieve of something that troubles **3** to remove the charge from (a gun) **4** to get rid of

un·lock′ *vt.* **1** *a*) to open (a lock) *b*) to open the lock of (a door, etc.) **2** to let loose; release **3** to reveal

un·looked′-for′ *adj.* not expected

un·loose′ *vt.* **-loosed′**, **-loos′ing** to set loose; loosen, release, etc.: also **un·loos′en**

un·luck′y *adj.* **-i·er**, **-i·est** having or bringing bad luck; unfortunate

un·make′ *vt.* **-made′**, **-mak′ing** **1** to cause to be as before; undo **2** to ruin; destroy **3** to depose from a position or rank

un·man′ *vt.* **-manned′**, **-man′ning** to deprive of manly courage, nerve, etc.

un·man′ly *adj.* **-li·er**, **-li·est** not manly; specif., *a*) cowardly, weak, etc. *b*) effeminate; womanish

un·manned′ *adj.* without people aboard and operating by remote control

un·mask′ *vi., vt.* **1** to remove a mask or disguise (from) **2** to disclose the true nature or character (of)

un·mean′ing *adj.* lacking in meaning or sense

un·men′tion·a·ble *adj.* not fit to be mentioned

un·mer′ci·ful *adj.* having or showing no mercy; cruel; pitiless

un′mis·tak′a·ble *adj.* that cannot be mistaken or misinterpreted; clear —**un′mis·tak′a·bly** *adv.*

un·mit′i·gat′ed *adj.* **1** not lessened or eased **2** out-and-out; absolute

un·mor′al *adj.* AMORAL

un·nat′u·ral *adj.* **1** contrary to nature; abnormal **2** artificial **3** very cruel —**un·nat′u·ral·ly** *adv.*

un·nec′es·sar′y *adj.* not necessary; needless —**un·nec′es·sar′i·ly** *adv.*

un·nerve′ *vt.* **-nerved′**, **-nerv′ing** to cause to lose one's self-confidence, courage, etc.

un·num′bered *adj.* **1** not counted **2** innumerable **3** having no identifying number

un·or′gan·ized′ *adj.* not organized; specif., not belonging to a labor union

un·pack′ *vt., vi.* **1** to remove (the contents of a trunk, suitcase, etc.) **2** to take things out of (a trunk, etc.)

un·par′al·leled′ *adj.* that has no parallel, equal, or counterpart

un·pleas′ant *adj.* offensive; disagreeable —**un·pleas′ant·ly** *adv.* —**un·pleas′ant·ness** *n.*

un·plumbed′ *adj.* not fully understood

un·pop′u·lar *adj.* not liked by the public or by the majority —**un′pop·u·lar′i·ty** (-lar′ə tē) *n.*

un·prac′ticed *adj.* **1** not habitually or repeatedly done, etc. **2** not skilled or experienced

un·prec′e·dent′ed *adj.* having no precedent or parallel; unheard-of

un·prin′ci·pled *adj.* lacking moral principles; unscrupulous

un·print′a·ble *adj.* not fit to be printed, as because of obscenity

un′pro·fes′sion·al *adj.* not professional; esp., violating the ethical code of a given profession

un·qual′i·fied′ *adj.* **1** lacking the necessary qualifications **2** not limited; absolute

un·ques′tion·a·ble *adj.* not to be questioned, doubted, or disputed; certain —**un·ques′tion·a·bly** *adv.*

un′quote′ *interj.* I end the quotation

un·rav′el *vt.* **-eled** or **-elled**, **-el·ing** or **-el·ling** **1** to separate the threads of (something woven, tangled, etc.) **2** to make clear; solve —*vi.* to become unraveled

un·read′ (-red′) *adj.* **1** not read, as a book **2** having read little or nothing

un·re′al *adj.* not real or actual; imaginary, fanciful, false, etc.

un·rea′son·a·ble *adj.* **1** not reasonable or rational **2** excessive; immoderate —**un·rea′son·a·bly** *adv.*

un·rea′son·ing *adj.* not reasoning or reasoned; irrational

un′re·con·struct′ed *adj.* holding to an earlier, outmoded practice or point of view

un′re·gen′er·ate *adj.* stubbornly defiant

un′re·lent′ing *adj.* **1** inflexible; relentless **2** without mercy; cruel **3** not relaxing in effort, speed, etc.

un′re·mit′ting *adj.* not stopping, relaxing, etc.; incessant; persistent

un′re·quit′ed *adj.* not reciprocated

un′re·served′ *adj.* not reserved; specif., *a*) frank or open in speech *b*) not restricted; unlimited —**un′re·serv′ed·ly** *adv.*

un·rest′ *n.* restlessness; specif., angry discontent verging on revolt

un·ripe′ *adj.* not ripe or mature; green

un·ri′valed or **un·ri′valled** *adj.* having no rival, equal, or competitor

un·roll′ *vt.* **1** to open (something rolled

up) **2** to display —*vi.* to become unrolled

un·ruf′fled *adj.* not ruffled or disturbed; calm; smooth; serene

un·ru·ly (un ro͞o′lē) *adj.* **-i·er, -i·est** hard to control, restrain, or keep in order —**un·ru′i·ness** *n.*

un·sad′dle *vt.* **-dled, -dling** to take the saddle off (a horse, etc.)

un·said′ *adj.* not expressed

un·sa′vor·y *adj.* **1** unpleasant to taste or smell **2** morally offensive

un·scathed′ (-skā*th*d′) *adj.* [< *un-* + ON *skathi*, harm] unharmed

un·schooled′ *adj.* not educated or trained, esp. by formal schooling

un·scram′ble *vt.* **-bled, -bling** to cause to be no longer scrambled, mixed up, or unintelligible

un·screw′ *vt.* to detach or loosen by removing screws, or by turning

un·script′ed *adj.* without or not in a prepared script

un·scru′pu·lous *adj.* not restrained by ideas of right and wrong; unprincipled

un·seal′ *vt.* **1** to break the seal of **2** to open

un·sea′son·a·ble *adj.* **1** not usual for the season **2** at the wrong time

un·seat′ *vt.* **1** to dislodge from a seat **2** to remove from office

un·seem′ly *adj.* not seemly; not decent or proper; unbecoming

un·set′tle *vt., vi.* **-tled, -tling** to make or become unstable; disturb or displace

un·set′tled *adj.* **1** not settled; not fixed, orderly, stable, calm, decided, etc. **2** not paid **3** having no settlers

un·sheathe′ (-shē*th*′) *vt.* **-sheathed′, -sheath′ing** to remove (a sword, etc.) from a sheath

un·sight′ly *adj.* not sightly or pleasant to look at; ugly —**un·sight′li·ness** *n.*

un·skilled′ *adj.* having or requiring no special skill or training

un·skill′ful *adj.* having little or no skill; awkward

un·snap′ *vt.* **-snapped′, -snap′ping** to undo the snaps of, so as to loosen or detach

un·snarl′ *vt.* to untangle

un′so·phis′ti·cat′ed *adj.* not sophisticated; simple, ingenuous, etc.

un·sound′ *adj.* not sound; specif., *a*) not healthy, safe, firm, etc. *b*) not reliable, sensible, etc.

un·spar′ing *adj.* **1** not sparing; lavish **2** not merciful; severe

un·speak′a·ble *adj.* **1** that cannot be spoken **2** so bad, foul, evil, etc. as to defy description or be unfit for discussion *[unspeakable* depravity*]* —**un·speak′a·bly** *adv.*

un·sta′ble *adj.* not stable; specif., *a*) easily upset *b*) changeable *c*) unreliable *d*) emotionally or psychologically unsettled *e*) *Chem.* tending to decompose

un·stead′y *adj.* not steady; specif., *a*) not firm; shaky *b*) changeable; inconstant *c*) erratic in habits, purpose, etc.

un·stop′ *vt.* **-stopped′, -stop′ping** **1** to remove the stopper from **2** to clear (a pipe, etc.) of an obstruction

un·struc′tured *adj.* not formally organized; loose, free, open, etc.

un·strung′ *adj.* **1** nervous or upset **2** with the strings loosened or detached, as a bow or racket

un·stuck′ *adj.* loosened or freed from being stuck

un·stud′ied *adj.* not gotten by study or conscious effort; spontaneous; natural

un′sub·stan′tial *adj.* **1** having no material substance **2** not solid; flimsy **3** unreal; visionary

un·sung′ *adj.* not honored or celebrated, as in song or poetry

un·tan′gle *vt.* **-gled, -gling** **1** to free from a snarl or tangle **2** to free from confusion; put in order

un·taught′ *adj.* **1** not taught; uneducated **2** acquired without being taught

un·think′a·ble *adj.* **1** that cannot be imagined; inconceivable **2** so foul, etc. as to be unfit to be considered *[unthinkable* war crimes*]*

un·think′ing *adj.* **1** thoughtless; heedless **2** unable to think

un·ti′dy *adj.* **-di·er, -di·est** not neat; messy

un·tie′ *vt.* **-tied′, -ty′ing** or **-tie′ing** **1** to unfasten (a thing tied or knotted) **2** to free, as from restraint

un·til (un til′) *prep.* [ME *untill*] **1** up to the time of *[until* death*]* **2** before *[*not *until* tomorrow*]* —*conj.* **1** up to the time when or that *[until* you leave*]* **2** to the point, degree, etc. that *[*cook *until* it is done*]* **3** before *[*not *until* I die*]*

un·time′ly *adj., adv.* **1** before the proper time; premature(ly) **2** at the wrong time —**un·time′li·ness** *n.*

un·to (un′to͞o, -tə) *prep.* [ME] *old poet. var. of:* **1** TO **2** UNTIL

un·told′ *adj.* **1** not told or revealed **2** too many to be counted **3** indescribably great *[untold* misery*]*

un·touch′a·ble *adj.* that cannot or should not be touched —*n.* in India, a member of the lowest castes (now called *Scheduled castes*)

un·to·ward (un tō′ərd, -tôrd′) *adj.* **1** improper, unseemly, etc. **2** not favorable; adverse

un·trav′eled or **un·trav′elled** *adj.* **1** not used or frequented by travelers **2** not having done much traveling

un·truth′ *n.* **1** falsity **2** a falsehood; lie —**un·truth′ful** *adj.*

un·tu′tored *adj.* uneducated

un·twist′ *vt., vi.* to loosen or separate, as something twisted together; unwind

un·used′ *adj.* **1** not in use **2** never used before **3** unaccustomed (*to*)

un·u′su·al *adj.* not usual or common; rare —**un·u′su·al·ly** *adv.*

un·ut′ter·a·ble *adj.* inexpressible

un·var′nished *adj.* **1** not varnished **2** plain; simple; unadorned

un·veil′ *vt.* to reveal as by removing a veil from —*vi.* to take off one's veil

un·voiced′ *adj.* not expressed; not spoken

un·war'y *adj.* not wary or cautious
un'wea'ried (-wir'ēd) *adj.* [ME *unwer-ied* (see UN- & WEARY)] never wearying; tireless; indefatigable
un·well' *adj.* not well; sick
un·whole'some *adj.* **1** harmful to body or mind **2** of unsound health or unhealthy appearance **3** morally harmful —**un·whole'some·ness** *n.*
un·wield'y *adj.* hard to wield, manage, etc., as because of large size
un·will'ing *adj.* **1** not willing; reluctant **2** done, said, etc. reluctantly —**un·will'ing·ly** *adv.*
un·wind' (-wīnd') *vt.* **-wound'**, **-wind'ing** **1** to wind off or undo (something wound) **2** to untangle (something involved) —*vi.* **1** to become unwound **2** to become relaxed
un·wise' *adj.* having or showing a lack of wisdom or sound judgment
un·wit'ting *adj.* **1** not knowing; unaware **2** unintentional
un·wont'ed *adj.* not common, usual, or habitual
un·wor'thy *adj.* **-thi·er**, **-thi·est** **1** lacking merit or value; worthless **2** not deserving (*of*) **3** not fit or becoming: usually with *of* —**un·wor'thi·ness** *n.*
un·wrap' *vt.* **-wrapped'**, **-wrap'ping** to take off the wrapping of
un·writ'ten *adj.* **1** not in writing **2** operating only through custom or tradition [an *unwritten* rule]
up[1] (up) *adv.* [OE] **1** to, in, or on a higher place or level **2** to a later period **3** to or into a higher condition, amount, etc. **4** *a*) in or into a standing or upright position *b*) out of bed **5** in or into action, view, consideration, etc. **6** aside; away [lay *up* wealth] **7** so as to be even with in time, degree, etc. **8** completely; thoroughly [eat *up* the cake] **9** *Baseball* to one's turn at batting **10** used with verbs: *a*) to form idioms with meanings different from the simple verb [look *up* this word] *b*) as an intensive [dress *up*] —*prep.* up to, toward, along, through, into, or upon —*adj.* **1** directed toward a higher position **2** in a higher place or position **3** advanced in amount, degree, etc. [rents are *up*] **4** in a standing or upright position **5** in an active or excited state **6** at an end; over [time's *up*] **7** available for use, as a computer **8** [Inf.] going on [what's *up*] **9** *Baseball* at bat —*n.* **1** an upward slope **2** an upward movement, etc. —*vi.* **upped**, **up'ping** [Inf.] to get up; rise —*vt.* [Inf.] **1** to put up, lift up, etc. **2** to cause to rise [to *up* prices] —**on the up and up** [Slang] honest —**up against** [Inf.] confronted with —**up on** (or **in**) [Inf.] well-informed concerning —**ups and downs** good periods and bad periods —**up to** **1** doing or scheming **2** capable of (doing, etc.) **3** as many as **4** as far as **5** dependent upon —**up with!** give or restore power, favor, etc. to!
up[2] (up) *adv.* [phonetic respelling of *ap*(*iece*)] apiece [a score of ten *up*]
up- *combining form* up
up'-and-com'ing *adj.* **1** enterprising, promising, etc. **2** gaining in prominence
up'beat' *n.* *Music* an unaccented beat, esp. when on the last note of a bar —*adj.* [Inf.] cheerful; optimistic
up·braid (up brād') *vt.* [< OE *up-*, up + *bregdan*, to pull] to rebuke severely; censure; scold
up'bring'ing *n.* the training and education received while growing up
UPC *abbrev.* Universal Product Code
up'chuck' *vi.*, *vt.*, *n.* [Slang] VOMIT
up'com'ing *adj.* coming soon
up'coun'try *adj.*, *adv.* in or toward the interior of a country
up·date (up dāt'; *also, and for n. always*, up'dāt') *vt.* **-dat'ed**, **-dat'ing** to make up-to-date; make conform to the most recent facts, methods, etc. —*n.* **1** an updating **2** an updated report, etc.
up·end' *vt.*, *vi.* **1** to set, turn, or stand on end **2** to topple
up'front' [Inf.] *adj.* **1** forthright **2** in advance [*upfront* money] —*adv.* in advance Also **up'-front'**
up·grade (up'grād'; *also, and for v. usually*, up grād') *n.* **1** an upward slope **2** an improvement —*adj.*, *adv.* uphill; upward —*vt.*, *vi.* **-grad'ed**, **-grad'ing** to raise or improve in value, grade, rank, quality, etc.
up·heav·al (up hē'vəl) *n.* **1** a heaving up **2** a sudden, violent change
up'hill' *adv.* **1** toward the top of a hill; upward **2** with difficulty —*adj.* **1** going or sloping up **2** laborious; tiring
up·hold' *vt.* **-held'**, **-hold'ing** **1** to hold up **2** to keep from falling; support **3** to confirm; sustain
up·hol·ster (up hōl'stər) *vt.* [ult. < ME *upholder*, tradesman] to fit out (furniture, etc.) with coverings, padding, springs, etc. —**up·hol'ster·er** *n.*
up·hol'ster·y *n.*, *pl.* **-ies** **1** the material used in upholstering **2** the work of an upholsterer
up'keep' *n.* **1** maintenance **2** state of repair **3** the cost of maintenance
up'land (-lənd, -land') *n.* land elevated above other land —*adj.* of or situated in upland
up·lift (up lift'; *also, and for n. always*, up'lift') *vt.* **1** to lift up **2** to raise to a higher moral, social, or cultural level —*n.* **1** a lifting up **2** a movement for moral, social, or cultural betterment
up'load' *vt.*, *vi.* to transfer (information) as from a personal computer to a main computer
up'-mark'et *adj.* UPSCALE
up·on (ə pän', ə pôn') *prep.* on, or up and on: used interchangeably with *on* —*adv.* on
up·per (up'ər) *adj.* **1** higher in place **2** higher in rank, etc. **3** farther north —*n.* **1** the part of a shoe above the sole **2** [Slang] any drug that is a stimulant —**on one's uppers** [Inf.] in need
up·per·case (up'ər kās') *n.* capital-letter type used in printing, as distinguished from small letters —*adj.* of or in upper-case
upper class the rich or aristocratic social class —**up'per-class'** *adj.*

up′per·class′man (-mən) ***n.***, *pl.* **-men** (-mən) a junior or senior in high school or college

up′per·cut′ ***n.*** *Boxing* a short, swinging blow directed upward

upper hand the position of advantage or control

up′per·most′ ***adj.*** highest in place, authority, etc. —***adv.*** in the highest place, rank, etc.

Upper Vol·ta (väl′tə) *former name for* BURKINA FASO

up·pi·ty (up′ə tē) ***adj.*** [Inf.] haughty, arrogant, snobbish, etc.

up·raise′ ***vt.*** **-raised′**, **-rais′ing** to raise up; lift

up·rear′ ***vt.*** to lift up —***vi.*** to rise up

up·right (up′rīt′; *for adj. and adv., also* up rīt′) ***adj.*** **1** standing, pointing, etc. straight up; erect **2** honest and just —***adv.*** in an upright position or direction —***n.*** something in an upright position

upright piano a piano with a vertical, rectangular body

up′ris′ing ***n.*** a revolt

up′riv′er ***adv.***, ***adj.*** in the direction against the current of a river

up·roar (up′rôr′) ***n.*** ‖Du *oproer,* a stirring up‖ **1** violent disturbance; tumult **2** loud, confused noise

up·roar·i·ous (up rôr′ē əs) ***adj.*** **1** making an uproar **2** boisterous **3** causing loud laughter

up·root′ ***vt.*** **1** to tear up by the roots **2** to destroy or remove utterly

UPS *service mark for* United Parcel Service

up′scale′ ***adj.*** of or for people who are affluent, stylish, etc.

up·set (up set′; *for n.,* up′set′) ***vt.*** **-set′**, **-set′ting** **1** *a*) to tip over; overturn *b*) to defeat unexpectedly **2** *a*) to disturb the functioning of *[*to *upset* a schedule*]* *b*) to disturb emotionally or physically —***vi.*** to become overturned or upset —***n.*** **1** an upsetting **2** an unexpected victory or defeat **3** a disturbance —***adj.*** **1** tipped over **2** overthrown or defeated **3** disturbed or disordered

up′shot′ ***n.*** ‖orig., final shot in an archery match‖ the conclusion; result

up′side′[1] ***prep.*** [Chiefly Dial.] on or against the side of *[*struck *upside* the head*]*

up′side′[2] ***n.*** **1** the upper side or part **2** appreciation or gain, as on an investment

upside down **1** with the top side or part underneath or turned over; inverted **2** in disorder —**up′side′-down′** ***adj.***

up·si·lon (o͞op′sə län′, up′-) ***n.*** the twentieth letter of the Greek alphabet (Υ, υ)

up·stage (up′stāj′; *for v.,* up stāj′) ***adv.***, ***adj.*** toward or at the rear of a stage —***vt.*** **-staged′**, **-stag′ing** to draw attention away from another, as by moving upstage

up′stairs′ ***adv.*** **1** up the stairs **2** on or to an upper floor or higher level **3** [Inf.] in the mind —***adj.*** on an upper floor —***n.*** an upper floor

up′stand′ing ***adj.*** **1** erect **2** upright in character; honorable

up′start′ ***n.*** one who has recently come into wealth, power, etc., esp. one who is presumptuous, aggressive, etc. —***adj.*** of or like an upstart

up′state′ ***adj.***, ***adv.*** in, to, or from the northerly part of a U.S. state

up′stream′ ***adv.***, ***adj.*** in the direction against the current of a stream

up′surge′ ***n.*** a surge upward

up′swing′ ***n.*** a swing, trend, or movement upward

up′take′ ***n.*** a taking up —**quick** (or **slow**) **on the uptake** [Inf.] quick (or slow) to comprehend

up′tight′ ***adj.*** [Slang] very tense, nervous, etc.: also **up-tight**

up′-to-date′ ***adj.*** **1** extending to the present time **2** keeping up with what is most recent

up′town′ ***adj.***, ***adv.*** in or toward the residential part of a city —***n.*** the uptown section of a city

up·turn′ (-tʉrn′; *for n.,* up′tʉrn′) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** to turn up or over —***n.*** an upward turn or trend —**up′turned′** ***adj.***

up′ward ***adv.***, ***adj.*** toward a higher place, position, etc.: also **up′wards** ***adv.*** —**upwards** (or **upward**) **of** more than —**up′ward·ly** ***adv.***

upward mobility movement to a higher social and economic status

up′wind′ ***adv.***, ***adj.*** in the direction from which the wind is blowing or usually blows

Ur (o͝or, ʉr) ancient city on the Euphrates River

u·ra·cil (yo͝or′ə sil′) ***n.*** a colorless, crystalline base that is a constituent of RNA

U·ral Mountains (yo͝or′əl) mountain system in Russia, regarded as the boundary between Europe & Asia: also **Urals**

u·ra·ni·um (yo͝o rā′nē əm) ***n.*** ‖after fol.‖ a very hard, heavy, silver-colored, radioactive, metallic chemical element: used in work on atomic energy

U·ra·nus (yo͝or′ə nəs, yo͝o rā′nəs) ***n.*** ‖< Gr *Ouranos,* heaven‖ the planet seventh in distance from the sun: see PLANET

ur·ban (ʉr′bən) ***adj.*** ‖< L *urbs,* city‖ **1** of, in, or constituting a city **2** characteristic of cities

ur·bane (ʉr bān′) ***adj.*** ‖see prec.‖ polite in a smooth, polished way; refined —**ur·ban′i·ty** (-ban′ə tē) ***n.***

ur·ban·ize (ʉr′bə nīz′) ***vt.*** **-ized′**, **-iz′ing** to change from rural to urban —**ur′ban·i·za′tion** ***n.***

urban legend (or **myth**) a widely circulating secondhand report of a purportedly true incident

urban renewal rehabilitation of deteriorated urban areas, as by slum clearance and housing construction

urban sprawl the spread of urban congestion into surrounding areas

ur·chin (ʉr′chin) ***n.*** ‖< L *ericius,* hedgehog‖ a small child; esp., a mischievous boy

-ure (ər) [Fr < L *-ura*] *suffix* **1** act, process, or result *[exposure]* **2** agent of **3** state of being ___ed *[composure]* **4** office, rank, or collective body *[legislature]*

u·re·a (yo͞o rē′ə) ***n.*** [< Gr *ouron*, urine] a soluble, crystalline solid found in urine or made synthetically

u·re·mi·a (yo͞o rē′mē ə) ***n.*** [< Gr *ouron*, urine + *haima*, blood] a toxic condition caused by the presence in the blood of waste products normally eliminated in the urine —**u·re′mic** ***adj.***

u·re·ter (yo͞o rēt′ər) ***n.*** [< Gr *ourein*, urinate] a tube carrying urine from a kidney to the bladder

u·re·thane (yo͝or′ə thān′) ***n.*** [< Fr] a white, crystalline compound used as a hypnotic and sedative, a solvent, etc.

u·re·thra (yo͞o rē′thrə) ***n.***, *pl.* **-thrae** (-thrē′) or **-thras** [< Gr *ouron*, urine] the duct through which urine is discharged from the bladder: in males, also the duct for semen

urge (ʉrj) ***vt.*** **urged**, **urg′ing** [L *urgere*, press hard] **1** *a*) to press upon the attention; advocate *b*) to plead with; ask earnestly **2** to incite; provoke **3** to drive or force onward —***n.*** **1** an urging **2** an impulse

ur·gent (ʉr′jənt) ***adj.*** [see prec.] **1** calling for haste, immediate action, etc. **2** insistent —**ur′gen·cy**, *pl.* **-cies**, ***n.*** —**ur′gent·ly** ***adv.***

-ur·gy (ʉr′jē) [< Gr *ergon*, work] *combining form* a working with or by means of (something specified) *[chemurgy]*

u·ric (yo͝or′ik) ***adj.*** of, in, or from urine

u·ri·nal (yo͝or′ə nəl) ***n.*** **1** a receptacle or fixture for urinating **2** a place for urinating

u·ri·nal·y·sis (yo͝or′ə nal′ə sis) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ses′** (-sēz′) chemical or microscopic analysis of urine

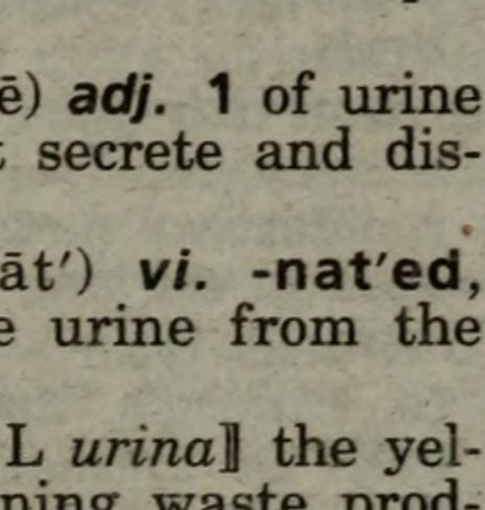
u·ri·nar·y (yo͝or′ə ner′ē) ***adj.*** **1** of urine **2** of the organs that secrete and discharge urine

u·ri·nate (yo͝or′ə nāt′) ***vi.*** **-nat′ed**, **-nat′ing** to discharge urine from the body —**u′ri·na′tion** ***n.***

u·rine (yo͝or′in) ***n.*** [< L *urina*] the yellowish liquid, containing waste products, secreted by the kidneys and discharged through the urethra

URL ***n.*** [*u*(*niform*) *r*(*esource*) *l*(*ocator*)] an address on the World Wide Web

urn (ʉrn) ***n.*** [< L *urna*] **1** *a*) a vase with a pedestal *b*) such a vase used to hold ashes after cremation **2** a metal container with a faucet, for making or serving hot coffee, tea, etc.



URN

u·ro·gen·i·tal (yo͝or′ō jen′i təl) ***adj.*** of the urinary and genital organs

u·rol·o·gy (yo͝o räl′ə jē) ***n.*** [< Gr *ouron*, urine + -LOGY] the branch of medicine dealing with the urinary and genital organs and their diseases —**u·rol′o·gist** ***n.***

Ur·sa Major (ʉr′sə) [L, lit., Great Bear] a prominent N constellation

Ursa Minor [L, lit., Little Bear] a N constellation, containing Polaris

ur·sine (ʉr′sīn′, -sin) ***adj.*** [< L *ursus*, a bear] of or like a bear

ur·ti·car·i·a (ʉrt′i ker′ē ə) ***n.*** [< L *urtica*, a nettle] HIVES

U·ru·guay (yo͝or′ə gwā′, o͝or′-; -gwī′) country in SE South America: 68,037 sq. mi.; pop. 2,940,000 —**Ur′u·guay′an** ***adj.***, ***n.***

us (us) ***pron.*** [OE] *objective form of* WE

US or **U.S.** United States

USA *abbrev.* **1** United States of America: also **U.S.A.** **2** United States Army

us·a·ble or **use·a·ble** (yo͞o′zə bəl) ***adj.*** that can be used; fit for use —**us′a·bil′i·ty** (-bil′ə tē) or **use′a·bil′i·ty** ***n.***

USAF *abbrev.* United States Air Force

us·age (yo͞o′sij) ***n.*** **1** the act, way, or extent of using; treatment **2** established practice; custom; habit **3** the way in which a word, phrase, etc. is used to express a particular idea

USCG *abbrev.* United States Coast Guard

USDA *abbrev.* United States Department of Agriculture

use (yo͞oz; *for n.*, yo͞os) ***vt.*** **used**, **us′ing** [< L *uti*] **1** to put into action or service **2** to exercise *[use* your judgment*]* **3** to deal with; treat *[*to *use* a friend badly*]* **4** to consume, expend: often with *up* **5** to consume habitually *[*to *use* drugs*]* **6** to exploit (someone) —***n.*** **1** a using or being used **2** the ability to use **3** the right to use **4** the need or opportunity to use **5** a way of using **6** usefulness **7** the purpose for which something is used **8** function —**used to** (yo͞os′tə, -to͞o) **1** did at one time *[*I *used to* live here*]* **2** accustomed to

used (yo͞ozd) ***vt.*** *pt. & pp. of* USE —***adj.*** not new; secondhand

use·ful (yo͞os′fəl) ***adj.*** that can be used; serviceable; helpful —**use′ful·ly** ***adv.*** —**use′ful·ness** ***n.***

use′less (-lis) ***adj.*** **1** having no use **2** to no purpose —**use′less·ly** ***adv.*** —**use′less·ness** ***n.***

us·er (yo͞o′zər) ***n.*** one that uses something; specif., one who uses drugs habitually, a computer, etc.

us′er-friend′ly ***adj.*** easy to use or understand: said esp. of computer hardware, programs, etc.

ush·er (ush′ər) ***n.*** [< L *ostiarius*, doorkeeper] **1** one who shows people to their seats in a theater, church, etc. **2** a bridegroom's attendant —***vt.*** **1** to escort (others) to seats, etc. **2** to be a forerunner of: often with *in*

USMC *abbrev.* United States Marine Corps

USN *abbrev.* United States Navy

USO *abbrev.* United Service Organizations

USP *abbrev.* United States Pharmacopoeia

USPS *abbrev.* United States Postal Serv-

ice
USS *abbrev.* United States Ship
USSR or **U.S.S.R.** Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
u·su·al (yo͞o′zhə wəl) ***adj.*** [see USE] such as is most often seen, used, etc.; common; customary —**u′su·al·ly** ***adv.***
u·surp (yo͞o sʉrp′, -zʉrp′) ***vt., vi.*** [< L *usus*, a use + *rapere*, to seize] to take (power, a position, etc.) by force —**u·sur·pa·tion** (yo͞o′zər pā′shən, -sər-) ***n.*** —**u·surp′er** ***n.***
u·su·ry (yo͞o′zhə rē) ***n., pl.*** **-ries** [see USE] **1** the lending of money at an excessive rate of interest **2** an excessive interest rate —**u′su·rer** ***n.*** —**u·su·ri·ous** (yo͞o zhoor′ē əs) ***adj.***
U·tah (yo͞o′tô′, -tä′) Mountain State of the W U.S.: 82,168 sq. mi.; pop. 1,723,000; cap. Salt Lake City: abbrev. **UT** —**U′tah′an** or (local usage) **U·tahn** (yo͞o′tôn′, -tän′) ***adj., n.***
u·ten·sil (yo͞o ten′səl) ***n.*** [< L *uti*, to use] an implement or container, esp. one for use in a kitchen
u·ter·us (yo͞ot′ə rəs) ***n., pl.*** **-ter·i′** (-ī′) [L] a hollow organ of female mammals in which the embryo and fetus are developed; womb —**u′ter·ine** (-rin, -rīn′) ***adj.***
u·til·i·tar·i·an (yo͞o til′ə ter′ē ən) ***adj.*** **1** of or having to do with utility **2** stressing usefulness over beauty or other considerations
u·til′i·tar′i·an·ism′ ***n.*** **1** the doctrine that worth or value is determined solely by utility **2** the doctrine that the purpose of all action should be to bring about the greatest happiness of the greatest number
u·til·i·ty (yo͞o til′ə tē) ***n., pl.*** **-ties** [< L *uti*, to use] **1** usefulness **2** something useful, as the service to the public of gas, water, etc. **3** a company providing such a service
utility room a room containing laundry appliances, heating equipment, etc.
u·ti·lize (yo͞ot′′l īz′) ***vt.*** **-lized′, -liz′ing** to put to profitable use; make use of —**u′ti·li·za′tion** ***n.***
ut·most (ut′mōst′) ***adj.*** [< OE superl. of *ut*, out] **1** farthest **2** of the greatest degree, amount, etc. —***n.*** the most that is possible
U·to·pi·a (yo͞o tō′pē ə) ***n.*** [< Gr *ou*, not + *topos*, a place] **1** an imaginary island with a perfect political and social system, described in *Utopia* (1516) by Sir Thomas More, Eng. statesman **2** [*often* **u-**] *a*) any idealized place of perfection *b*) any visionary scheme for a perfect society —**U·to′pi·an** or **u·to′pi·an** ***adj., n.***
ut·ter[1] (ut′ər) ***adj.*** [< OE compar. of *ut*, out] **1** complete; total **2** unqualified; absolute; unconditional —**ut′ter·ly** ***adv.***
ut·ter[2] (ut′ər) ***vt.*** [< ME *utter*, outward] to speak or express audibly (sounds, words, etc.)
ut′ter·ance ***n.*** **1** an uttering **2** the power or style of speaking **3** that which is uttered
ut′ter·most′ ***adj., n.*** UTMOST
U′-turn′ ***n.*** **1** a turn by a car made so as to head in the opposite direction **2** a reversal of opinion, strategy, etc.
UV or **uv** *abbrev.* ultraviolet
u·vu·la (yo͞o′vyə lə) ***n., pl.*** **-las** or **-lae′** (-lē′) [< L *uva*, grape] the small, fleshy part hanging down from the soft palate above the back of the tongue —**u′vu·lar** ***adj.***
ux·o·ri·ous (uk sôr′ē əs, -zôr′-) ***adj.*** [< L < *uxor*, wife] dotingly fond of or submissive to one's wife
Uz·bek·i·stan (o͝oz bek′i stan′) country in central Asia: formerly a republic of the U.S.S.R.: 172,741 sq. mi.; pop. 19,810,000
U·zi (o͞o′zē) *trademark for* a small submachine gun

V

v[1] or **V** (vē) ***n., pl.*** **v's, V's** the 22d letter of the English alphabet
v[2] *abbrev.* **1** [L *vide*] see **2** velocity **3** verb **4** versus **5** volt(s) **6** volume
V[1] (vē) ***n.*** a Roman numeral for 5
V[2] *abbrev.* **1** velocity **2** volt(s) **3** volume
V[3] *Chem. symbol for* vanadium
VA *abbrev.* **1** Veterans Administration **2** Virginia
va·can·cy (vā′kən sē) ***n., pl.*** **-cies** **1** a being vacant **2** empty or vacant space **3** an unoccupied position, office, quarters, etc.
va·cant (vā′kənt) ***adj.*** [< L *vacare*, be empty] **1** having nothing in it **2** not held, occupied, etc., as a seat or house **3** free from work; leisure *[vacant* time*]* **4** without thought, interest, etc.
va′cate′ (-kāt′) ***vt.*** **-cat′ed, -cat′ing** **1** to cause (an office, house, etc.) to be vacant **2** *Law* to make void; annul
va·ca·tion (vā kā′shən, və-) ***n.*** [< L *vacatio*] a period of rest from work, study, etc. —***vi.*** to take one's vacation —**va·ca′tion·er** or **va·ca′tion·ist** ***n.***
vac·ci·nate (vak′sə nāt′) ***vt., vi.*** **-nat′ed, -nat′ing** to inoculate with a vaccine to prevent disease —**vac′ci·na′tion** ***n.***
vac·cine (vak sēn′) ***n.*** [< L *vacca*, cow: from use of cowpox virus in smallpox vaccine] any preparation introduced into the body to produce immunity to a specific disease
vac·il·late (vas′ə lāt′) ***vi.*** **-lat′ed, -lat′ing** [< L *vacillare*] **1** to sway to and fro; waver **2** to fluctuate **3** to show indecision —**vac′il·la′tion** ***n.***
va·cu·i·ty (va kyo͞o′ə tē) ***n., pl.*** **-ties** [< L *vacuus*, empty] **1** emptiness **2** an empty space **3** emptiness of mind **4** something senseless or silly
vac·u·ous (vak′yo͞o əs) ***adj.*** [L *vacuus*] **1** empty **2** stupid; senseless —**vac′u·**

ous·ly *adv.*

vac·uum (vak′yo͞om) *n.*, *pl.* **-ums** or **-u·a** (-yo͞o ə) [L] **1** space with nothing at all in it **2** a space from which most of the air or gas has been taken **3** any void —*adj.* **1** of or used to make a vacuum **2** having or working by a vacuum —*vt.*, *vi.* to clean with a vacuum cleaner

vacuum cleaner a machine for cleaning carpets, floors, etc. by suction

vac′uum-packed′ *adj.* packed in an airtight container to maintain freshness

vacuum tube an electron tube from which most of the air has been evacuated, containing one or more grids, used as an amplifier, etc.

vag·a·bond (vag′ə bänd′) *adj.* [< L *vagari,* wander] **1** wandering **2** living a drifting or irresponsible life; shiftless —*n.* **1** one who wanders from place to place **2** a wandering beggar **3** an idle or shiftless person —**vag′a·bond′age** *n.*

va·gar·y (vā′gə rē, və ger′ē) *n.*, *pl.* **-ies** [see prec.] **1** an odd or eccentric action **2** a whimsical or freakish notion; caprice —**va·gar′i·ous** *adj.*

va·gi·na (və jī′nə) *n.*, *pl.* **-nas** or **-nae** (-nē) [L, sheath] in female mammals, the canal from the vulva to the uterus —**vag·i·nal** (vaj′ə nəl) *adj.*

va·grant (vā′grənt) *n.* [prob. < OFr *walcrer,* wander] one who wanders from place to place supporting oneself by begging, etc. —*adj.* **1** nomadic **2** of or like a vagrant **3** wayward, erratic, etc. —**va′gran·cy**, *pl.* **-cies**, *n.*

vague (vāg) *adj.* **va′guer**, **va′guest** [< L *vagus,* wandering] **1** indefinite in shape or form **2** not sharp, certain, or precise in thought or expression —**vague′ly** *adv.* —**vague′ness** *n.*

vain (vān) *adj.* [< L *vanus,* empty] **1** having no real value; worthless *[vain* pomp*]* **2** without effect; futile *[*a *vain* endeavor*]* **3** having an excessively high regard for one's self, looks, etc.; conceited —**in vain** **1** fruitlessly **2** profanely

vain′glo′ry (-glôr′ē) *n.* [< L *vana gloria,* empty boasting] excessive vanity —**vain′glo′ri·ous** *adj.*

val *abbrev.* **1** valuation **2** value

val·ance (val′əns, vā′ləns) *n.* [ME < ?] a short curtain forming a border, esp. across the top of a window

vale (vāl) *n.* [Old Poet.] VALLEY

val·e·dic·to·ri·an (val′ə dik tôr′ē ən) *n.* the student, usually the one with the highest grades, who delivers the valedictory at graduation

val′e·dic′to·ry (-tər ē) *n.*, *pl.* **-ries** [< L *vale,* farewell + *dicere,* to say] a farewell speech, esp. at graduation

va·lence (vā′ləns) *n.* [< L *valere,* be strong] *Chem.* the combining capacity of an element or radical as measured by the number of hydrogen or chlorine atoms which one radical or atom of the element will combine with or replace: also **va′len·cy**, *pl.* **-cies**

Va·len·ci·a (və len′shē ə, -shə) seaport in E Spain: pop. 763,000

val·en·tine (val′ən tīn′) *n.* **1** a sweetheart chosen or greeted on Saint Valentine's Day **2** a greeting card or gift sent on this day

val·et (va lā′; *also, but now rarely* val′it) *n.* [Fr, a groom] **1** a personal manservant who takes care of a man's clothes, helps him dress, etc. **2** an employee, as of a hotel, who cleans or presses clothes, etc.

val·e·tu·di·nar·i·an (val′ə to͞o′də ner′ē ən) *n.* [< L *valetudo,* state of health, sickness] **1** a person in poor health **2** one who worries about one's health

Val·hal·la (val hal′ə, väl häl′ə) *n. Norse Myth.* the great hall where Odin feasts the souls of heroes slain in battle

val·iant (val′yənt) *adj.* [< L *valere,* be strong] brave; courageous —**val′iance** *n.* —**val′iant·ly** *adv.*

val·id (val′id) *adj.* [< L *valere,* be strong] **1** having legal force **2** based on evidence or sound reasoning —**val′id·ly** *adv.* —**val′id·ness** *n.*

val·i·date (val′ə dāt′) *vt.* **-dat′ed**, **-dat′ing** **1** to make legally valid **2** to prove to be valid

va·lid·i·ty (və lid′ə tē) *n.*, *pl.* **-ties** the quality or fact of being valid

va·lise (və lēs′) *n.* [Fr < L *valesium* < ?] [Old-fashioned] a piece of hand luggage

Val·i·um (val′ē əm) *trademark for* a tranquilizing drug

Val·kyr·ie (val kir′ē, val′ki rē) *n. Norse Myth.* any of the maidens of Odin who conduct the souls of heroes slain in battle to Valhalla

val·ley (val′ē) *n.*, *pl.* **-leys** [< L *vallis*] **1** low land lying between hills or mountains **2** the land drained by a river system **3** any valleylike dip

Valley Forge village in SE Pennsylvania: scene of Washington's winter encampment (1777-78)

val·or (val′ər) *n.* [< L *valere,* be strong] courage or bravery: Brit. sp. **val′our** —**val′or·ous** *adj.*

Val·pa·rai·so (val′pə rā′zō, -rī′sō) seaport in central Chile: pop. 277,000

val·u·a·ble (val′yə bəl, -yo͞o ə bəl) *adj.* **1** having value, esp. great monetary value **2** highly important, esteemed, etc. —*n.* an article of value: *usually used in pl.*

val·u·a·tion (val′yo͞o ā′shən) *n.* **1** the determining of the value of anything **2** determined or estimated value

val·ue (val′yo͞o) *n.* [< L *valere* be worth] **1** the worth of a thing in money or goods **2** estimated worth **3** purchasing power **4** that quality of a thing which makes it more or less desirable, useful, etc. **5** a thing or quality having intrinsic worth **6** [*pl.*] beliefs or standards **7** relative duration, intensity, etc. —*vt.* **val′ued**, **val′u·ing** **1** to estimate the value of; appraise **2** to place a certain estimate of worth on *[*to *value* health above wealth*]* **3** to think highly of —**val′ue·less** *adj.*

val′ue-add′ed tax a tax based and paid on products, etc. at each stage of production or distribution, and included in the cost to the consumer

val′ued *adj.* highly thought of

value judgment an estimate made of the worth, goodness, etc. of a person, action, etc., esp. when such a judgment is not called for or desired

valve (valv) ***n.*** ‖< L *valva,* leaf of a folding door‖ **1** *Anat.* a membranous structure which permits body fluids to flow in one direction only, or opens and closes a tube, etc. **2** any device in a pipe, etc. that regulates the flow by means of a flap, lid, etc. **3** *Music* a device, as in the trumpet, that changes the tube length so as to change the pitch **4** *Zoology* one of the parts making up the shell of a mollusk, clam, etc.

va·moose (va mo͞os′) ***vi., vt.*** **-moosed′, -moos′ing** ‖< Sp *vamos,* let us go‖ [Old Slang] to leave quickly

vamp (vamp) ***n.*** ‖< OFr *avant,* before + *pié,* foot‖ **1** the part of a boot or shoe covering the instep **2** *Music* a simple, improvised introduction or interlude — ***vi.*** *Music* to play a vamp

vam·pire (vam′pīr′) ***n.*** ‖< Slavic‖ **1** in folklore, a reanimated corpse that sucks the blood of sleeping persons **2** one who preys ruthlessly on others

vampire bat a tropical American bat that lives on the blood of animals

van[1] (van) ***n.*** *short for* VANGUARD

van[2] (van) ***n.*** ‖< CARAVAN‖ a large, closed truck used as for moving, or a small one used for deliveries, fitted out as an RV, etc.

va·na·di·um (və nā′dē əm) ***n.*** ‖< ON *Vanadis,* goddess of love‖ a ductile, metallic chemical element used in steel alloys, etc.

Van Al·len radiation belt (van al′ən) ‖after J. *Van Allen* (1914-), U.S. physicist‖ a broad belt of radiation encircling the earth at varying levels

Van Bu·ren (van byo͝or′ən), **Mar·tin** (märt′′n) 1782-1862; 8th president of the U.S. (1837-41)

Van·cou·ver (van ko͞o′vər) seaport in SW British Columbia, Canada: pop. 514,000

Van·dal (van′dəl) ***n.*** **1** a member of a Germanic people that sacked Rome (A.D. 455) **2** [**v-**] one who maliciously destroys property

van·dal·ize (van′də līz′) ***vt.*** **-ized′, -iz′ing** to destroy or damage (property) maliciously —**van′dal·ism′** ***n.***

Van·dyke (beard) (van dīk′) a closely trimmed, pointed beard

vane (vān) ***n.*** ‖< OE *fana,* a flag‖ **1** a free-swinging piece of metal, etc. that shows which way the wind is blowing; weather vane **2** any of the flat pieces set around an axle and rotated about it by moving air, water, etc. or rotated to move the air or water

van Gogh (van gō′, -gôkh′), **Vin·cent** (vin′sənt) 1853-90; Du. painter

van·guard (van′gärd′) ***n.*** ‖< OFr *avant,* before + *garde,* guard‖ **1** the part of an army which goes ahead of the main body **2** the leading position or persons in a movement

va·nil·la (və nil′ə) ***n.*** ‖< Sp *vaina,* pod‖ **1** a climbing orchid with podlike capsules (**vanilla beans**) **2** a flavoring made from these capsules —***adj.*** **1** of or flavored with vanilla **2** ‖in allusion to the commonness of *vanilla* ice cream‖ [Inf.] bland, plain, or basic



VANILLA PLANT WITH BEANS

van·ish (van′ish) ***vi.*** ‖see EVANESCENT‖ **1** to pass suddenly from sight; disappear **2** to cease to exist

van·i·ty (van′ə tē) ***n., pl.*** **-ties** ‖< L *vanus,* vain‖ **1** anything that is vain or futile **2** worthlessness or futility **3** a being vain, or too proud of oneself **4** a small table with a mirror for use while putting on cosmetics, etc. **5** a bathroom cabinet containing a washbowl

vanity case a woman's small traveling case for carrying cosmetics, toilet articles, etc.

van·quish (vaŋ′kwish, van′-) ***vt.*** ‖< L *vincere*‖ to conquer or defeat

van·tage (van′tij) ***n.*** ‖see ADVANTAGE‖ **1** a favorable position **2** a position allowing a clear view, understanding, etc.: also **vantage point**

Va·nua·tu (van′wä to͞o′) country on a group of islands in the SW Pacific, west of Fiji: 4,706 sq. mi.; pop. 143,000

vap·id (vap′id) ***adj.*** ‖L *vapidus*‖ tasteless; dull —**va·pid·i·ty** (va pid′ə tē) or **vap′id·ness** ***n.***

va·por (vā′pər) ***n.*** ‖L‖ **1** *a*) visible particles of moisture floating in the air, as fog or steam *b*) smoke, fumes, etc. **2** the gaseous form of any substance normally a liquid or solid Brit. sp. **va′pour**

va′por·ize′ (-pə rīz′) ***vt., vi.*** **-ized′, -iz′ing** to change into vapor —**va′por·i·za′tion** ***n.*** —**va′por·iz′er** ***n.***

va·por·ous (vā′pər əs) ***adj.*** **1** forming or full of vapor; foggy; misty **2** like vapor

vapor trail CONTRAIL

va·que·ro (vä ker′ō) ***n., pl.*** **-ros** ‖Sp < *vaca,* cow‖ [Southwest] a man who herds cattle; cowboy

var *abbrev.* **1** variant(s) **2** various

var·i·a·ble (ver′ē ə bəl, var′-) ***adj.*** **1** apt to change or vary; changeable, inconstant, etc. **2** that can be changed or varied —***n.*** anything changeable; a thing that varies —**var′i·a·bil′i·ty** ***n.***

var′i·ance (-əns) ***n.*** **1** a varying or being variant **2** degree of change or difference; discrepancy **3** official permission to bypass regulations —**at variance** not in agreement or accord

var′i·ant (-ənt) ***adj.*** varying; different in some way from others of the same kind —***n.*** anything variant, as a different spelling of the same word

var′i·a′tion (-ā′shən) ***n.*** **1** a varying; change in form, extent, etc. **2** the degree of such change **3** a thing some-

what different from another of the same kind **4** *Music* the repetition of a theme with changes in rhythm, key, etc.

var·i·col·ored (ver′i kul′ərd, var′-) ***adj.*** of several or many colors

var·i·cose (var′ə kōs′) ***adj.*** [< L *varix*, enlarged vein] abnormally and irregularly swollen *[varicose* veins*]*

var·ied (ver′ēd, var′-) ***adj.*** **1** of different kinds; various **2** changed; altered

var·i·e·gat·ed (ver′ē ə gāt′id, var′-) ***adj.*** [< L *varius*, various] **1** marked with different colors in spots, streaks, etc. **2** having variety; varied

va·ri·e·tal (və rī′ə təl) ***adj.*** **1** of or being a variety **2** designating a wine named after the kind of grape from which it is made —***n.*** a varietal wine

va·ri′e·ty (-tē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ties** **1** a being various or varied **2** a different form of some thing, condition, etc.; kind **3** a collection of different things

variety store a retail store selling many small, inexpensive items

var·i·ous (ver′ē əs, var′-) ***adj.*** [L *varius*, diverse] **1** differing one from another; of several kinds **2** several or many —**var′i·ous·ly** ***adv.***

var·let (vär′lit) ***n.*** [OFr, a page] [Archaic] a scoundrel; knave

var·mint or **var·ment** (vär′mənt) ***n.*** [var. of VERMIN] [Inf. or Dial.] a person or animal regarded as objectionable

var·nish (vär′nish) ***n.*** [< ML *veronix*, resin] **1** a preparation of resinous substances dissolved in oil, alcohol, etc., used to give a hard, glossy surface to wood, metal, etc. **2** this surface **3** a surface smoothness, as of manner —***vt.*** **1** to cover with varnish **2** to make superficially attractive

var·si·ty (vär′sə tē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ties** [< UNIVERSITY] the main team representing a university, school, etc., as in a sport

var·y (ver′ē, var′ē) ***vt.*** **var′ied, var′y·ing** [< L *varius*, various] **1** to change; alter **2** to make different from one another **3** to give variety to *[*to *vary* one's reading*]* —***vi.*** **1** to undergo change **2** to be different **3** to deviate or depart (*from*)

vas·cu·lar (vas′kyə lər) ***adj.*** [< L *vas*, vessel] of or having vessels or ducts for conveying blood, sap, etc.

vase (vās, vāz) ***n.*** [< L *vas*, vessel] an open container used for decoration, displaying flowers, etc.

vas·ec·to·my (va sek′tə mē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-mies** [< L *vas*, vessel + -ECTOMY] the surgical removal or tying of the duct carrying sperm from the testicle

Vas·e·line (vas′ə lēn′) [< Ger *was(ser)*, water + Gr *el(aion)*, oil] *trademark for* petrolatum —***n.*** [**v-**] petrolatum

vas·o·mo·tor (vas′ō mōt′ər, vā′zō-) ***adj.*** [< L *vas*, vessel + MOTOR] regulating the diameter of blood vessels: said of a nerve, drug, etc.

vas·sal (vas′əl) ***n.*** [< ML *vassus*, servant] **1** under feudalism, one who held land, owing fealty to an overlord **2** a subordinate, servant, slave, etc. —**vas′sal·age** (-ij) ***n.***

vast (vast) ***adj.*** [L *vastus*] very great in size, degree, etc. —**vast′ly** ***adv.*** —**vast′ness** ***n.***

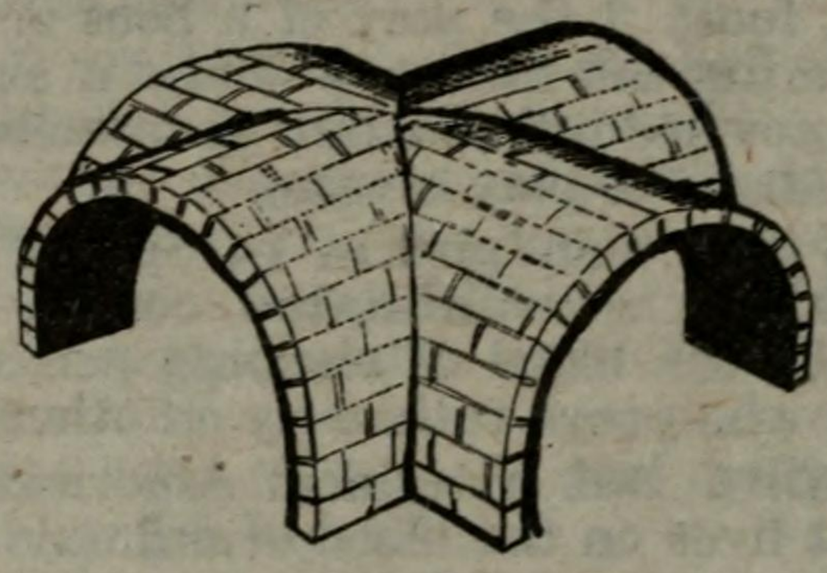
vat (vat) ***n.*** [< OE *fæt*, cask] a large container for holding liquids

VAT (vē′ā′tē′, vat) *abbrev.* value-added tax

Vat·i·can (vat′i kən) ***n.*** **1** the papal palace in Vatican City **2** the papal government

Vatican City independent papal state, an enclave in Rome (Italy), including the Vatican: 108 acres or 0.17 sq. mi.; pop. *c.* 1,000

vaude·ville (vôd′vil) ***n.*** [Fr, after *Vaude-Vire*, a valley in Normandy, famous for convivial songs] a stage show consisting of various acts



GROINED VAULT

vault[1] (vôlt) ***n.*** [< L *volvere*, to roll] **1** an arched roof or ceiling **2** an arched chamber or space **3** a cellar room used for storage **4** a burial chamber **5** a room for the safekeeping of valuables, as in a bank —***vt.*** to cover with, or build as, a vault —***vi.*** to curve like a vault

vault[2] (vôlt) ***vi.***, ***vt.*** [< earlier It *voltare*] to jump over (a barrier), esp. with the hands supported on the barrier or holding a long pole —***n.*** a vaulting —**vault′er** ***n.***

vault′ing ***adj.*** **1** leaping **2** unduly confident *[vaulting* ambition*]* **3** used in vaulting

vaunt (vônt) ***vi.***, ***n.*** [< L *vanus*, vain] boast —**vaunt′ed** ***adj.***

VCR ***n.*** VIDEOCASSETTE RECORDER

VD *abbrev.* venereal disease

VDT ***n.*** a video display terminal

-′ve (v, əv) *suffix* have: used in contractions *[we've* seen it*]*

veal (vēl) ***n.*** [< L *vitulus*, calf] the flesh of a young calf, used as food

vec·tor (vek′tər) ***n.*** [< L *vehere*, to carry] **1** an animal that transmits a disease-producing organism **2** *Math. a)* an expression that denotes magnitude and direction, as velocity *b)* a line segment representing such an expression **3** the compass heading of an aircraft, etc.

Ve·da (vā′də, vē′-) ***n.*** [Sans *veda*, knowledge] any of four ancient sacred books of Hinduism —**Ve′dic** ***adj.***

Veep (vēp) ***n.*** [*sometimes* **v-**] [Inf.] a vice-president

veer (vir) ***vi.***, ***vt.*** [< Fr *virer*, turn around] to change in direction; shift; turn —***n.*** a change of direction

veg·e·ta·ble (vej′tə bəl, vej′ə tə-) ***adj.*** [see VEGETATE] **1** of plants in general **2** of, from, or like edible vegetables —***n.*** **1** any plant, as distinguished from ani-

mal or inorganic matter **2** a plant eaten whole or in part, raw or cooked **3** a person thought of as like a vegetable, as a person in a coma

veg·e·tar·i·an (vej′ə ter′ē ən) ***n.*** one who eats no meat —***adj.*** **1** of vegetarians **2** consisting only of vegetables

veg·e·tate (vej′ə tāt′) ***vi.*** **-tat′ed, -tat′ing** [< L *vegere,* quicken] **1** to grow as plants **2** to lead a dull, inactive life — **veg′e·ta′tive** ***adj.***

veg′e·ta′tion (-tā′shən) ***n.*** **1** a vegetating **2** plant life in general

veg·gie (vej′ē) [Slang] ***n.*** **1** a vegetable **2** a vegetarian —***adj.*** vegetarian Also **veg′ie**

ve·he·ment (vē′ə mənt) ***adj.*** [< L *vehere,* carry] **1** violent; impetuous **2** full of intense or strong passion — **ve′he·mence** or **ve′he·men·cy** ***n.*** — **ve′he·ment·ly** ***adv.***

ve·hi·cle (vē′ə kəl) ***n.*** [< L *vehere,* to carry] **1** any device for carrying or conveying persons or objects **2** a means of expressing thoughts, etc. —**ve·hic′u·lar** (-hik′yo͞o lər) ***adj.***

veil (vāl) ***n.*** [< L *velum,* cloth] **1** a piece of light fabric, as of net, worn, esp. by women, over the face or head **2** anything used to conceal, cover, separate, etc. *[a veil of silence]* **3** a part of a nun's headdress —***vt.*** **1** to cover with a veil **2** to hide or disguise —**take the veil** to become a nun

veiled (vāld) ***adj.*** **1** wearing a veil **2** concealed, hidden, etc. **3** not openly expressed

vein (vān) ***n.*** [< L *vena*] **1** any blood vessel carrying blood to the heart **2** any of the ribs of an insect's wing or of a leaf blade **3** a body of minerals occupying a fissure in rock **4** a lode **5** a streak of a different color, etc., as in marble **6** a distinctive quality in one's character, speech, etc. **7** a mood —***vt.*** to mark as with veins

Vel·cro (vel′krō) *trademark for* a nylon material for fastenings, made up of matching strips with tiny hooks and adhesive pile, that can be easily pressed together or pulled apart —***n.*** [*occas.* **v-**] this material

veld or **veldt** (velt) ***n.*** [Afrik < MDu *veld,* field] in S & E Africa, open, grassy country, with few bushes or trees

vel·lum (vel′əm) ***n.*** [< L *vitulus,* calf] **1** a fine parchment prepared from calfskin, lambskin, etc. used for writing on or for binding books **2** a strong paper made to resemble this

ve·loc·i·ty (və läs′ə tē) ***n.,*** *pl.* **-ties** [< L *velox,* swift] **1** quickness of motion; swiftness **2** rate of change of position, in relation to time; speed

ve·lour or **ve·lours** (və loor′) ***n.,*** *pl.* **-lours′** (-loorz′, -loor′) [Fr < L *villus,* shaggy hair] a fabric with a soft nap like velvet

ve·lum (vē′ləm) ***n.,*** *pl.* **-la** (-lə) [L, a veil] SOFT PALATE

vel·vet (vel′vət) ***n.*** [< L *villus,* shaggy hair] **1** a rich fabric of silk, rayon, etc. with a soft, thick pile **2** anything like velvet in texture —***adj.*** **1** made of velvet **2** like velvet —**vel′vet·y** ***adj.***

vel′vet·een′ (-və tēn′) ***n.*** a cotton cloth with a short, thick pile like velvet

ve·nal (vē′nəl) ***adj.*** [L *venalis,* for sale] open to, or characterized by, bribery or corruption —**ve·nal·i·ty** (vi nal′ə tē) ***n.***

vend (vend) ***vt., vi.*** [< L *venum dare,* offer for sale] to sell (goods) —**ven′dor** or **vend′er** ***n.***

ven·det·ta (ven det′ə) ***n.*** [It < L *vindicta,* vengeance] a bitter feud, as between families

vending machine a coin-operated machine for selling small articles, refreshments, etc.

ve·neer (və nir′) ***vt.*** [< Fr *fournir,* furnish] to cover with a thin layer of more costly material; esp., to cover (wood) with wood of finer quality —***n.*** **1** a thin surface layer, as of fine wood, laid over a base of common material **2** superficial appearance *[a veneer of culture]*

ven·er·a·ble (ven′ər ə bəl) ***adj.*** worthy of respect because of age, dignity, etc. —**ven′er·a·bil′i·ty** ***n.***

ven·er·ate (ven′ər āt′) ***vt.*** **-at′ed, -at′ing** [< L *venerari,* to worship] to look upon with feelings of deep respect; revere — **ven′er·a′tion** ***n.***

vé·ne·re·al (və nir′ē əl) ***adj.*** [< L *venus,* love] **1** of sexual intercourse **2** transmitted by sexual intercourse *[venereal disease]*

Ve·ne·tian (və nē′shən) ***adj.*** of Venice or its people or culture —***n.*** a person born or living in Venice

Venetian blind [*also* **v- b-**] a window blind of thin, horizontal slats that can be set at any angle

Ven·e·zue·la (ven′ə zwā′lə) country in N South America: 352,143 sq. mi.; pop. 19,405,000 —**Ven′e·zue′lan** ***adj.,*** ***n.***

venge·ance (ven′jəns) ***n.*** [< L *vindicare,* avenge] the return of an injury for an injury, as in retribution; revenge — **with a vengeance** **1** with great force or fury **2** excessively

venge·ful (venj′fəl) ***adj.*** seeking vengeance; vindictive —**venge′ful·ly** ***adv.***

ve·nial (vēn′yəl, vē′nē əl) ***adj.*** [< L *venia,* a grace] that may be forgiven; pardonable *[a venial sin]*

Ven·ice (ven′is) seaport in N Italy built on more than 100 small islands: pop. 306,000

ve·ni·re·man (və nī′rē mən) ***n.,*** *pl.* **-men** (-mən) [< ML *venire facias,* cause to come] one of a group of people from among whom a jury will be selected

ven·i·son (ven′i sən, -zən) ***n.*** [< L *venari,* to hunt] the flesh of a deer, used as food

ven·om (ven′əm) ***n.*** [< L *venenum,* a poison] **1** the poison secreted by some snakes, spiders, etc. **2** malice

ven′om·ous ***adj.*** **1** full of venom; poisonous **2** spiteful; malicious

ve·nous (vē′nəs) ***adj.*** [L *venosus*] **1** of veins **2** designating blood carried in veins

vent[1] (vent) ***n.*** [< L *ventus,* wind] **1** expression; release *[giving vent to emotion]* **2** a small opening to permit pas-

sage or escape, as of a gas —***vt.*** **1** to make a vent in or for **2** to express; let out

vent[2] (vent) ***n.*** [< L *findere,* to split] a vertical slit in a garment

ven·ti·late (vent′ᵊl āt′) ***vt.*** **-lat′ed, -lat′ing** [< L *ventus,* wind] **1** to circulate fresh air in (a room, etc.) **2** to provide with an opening for the escape of air, gas, etc. —**ven′ti·la′tion** ***n.***

ven′ti·la′tor ***n.*** an opening or a device used to bring in fresh air and drive out foul air

ven·tral (ven′trəl) ***adj.*** [< L *venter,* belly] of, near, or on the belly

ven·tri·cle (ven′tri kəl) ***n.*** [see prec.] either of the two lower chambers of the heart —**ven·tric′u·lar** (-trik′yə lər) ***adj.***

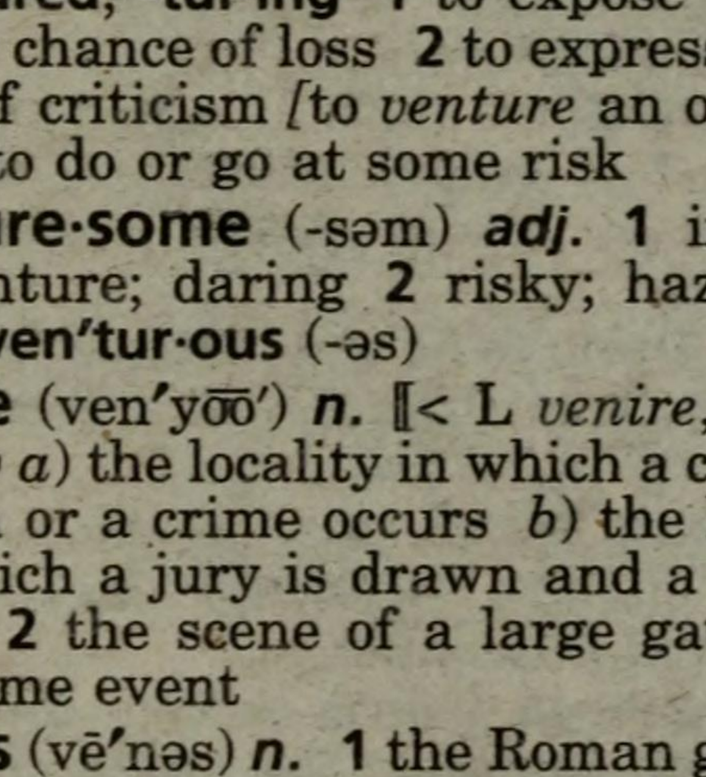
ven·tril·o·quism (ven tril′ə kwiz′əm) ***n.*** [< L *venter,* belly + *loqui,* speak] the art of speaking so that the voice seems to come from a source other than the speaker —**ven·tril′o·quist** ***n.***

ven·ture (ven′chər) ***n.*** [see ADVENTURE] **1** a risky undertaking, as in business **2** something on which a risk is taken —***vt.*** **-tured, -tur·ing** **1** to expose to danger or chance of loss **2** to express at the risk of criticism *[to venture* an opinion*]* —***vi.*** to do or go at some risk

ven′ture·some (-səm) ***adj.*** **1** inclined to venture; daring **2** risky; hazardous Also **ven′tur·ous** (-əs)

ven·ue (ven′yo͞o′) ***n.*** [< L *venire,* come] **1** *Law a)* the locality in which a cause of action or a crime occurs *b)* the locality in which a jury is drawn and a case is tried **2** the scene of a large gathering for some event

Ve·nus (vē′nəs) ***n.*** **1** the Roman goddess of love and beauty **2** the brightest planet in the solar system: see PLANET



VENUS' FLYTRAP

Venus' fly·trap (flī′trap′) a swamp plant with hinged leaves that snap shut, trapping insects

Ve·nu·si·an (vi no͞o′shən) ***adj.*** of the planet Venus —***n.*** an imaginary inhabitant of Venus

ve·ra·cious (və rā′shəs) ***adj.*** [< L *verus,* true] **1** habitually truthful; honest **2** true; accurate

ve·rac·i·ty (və ras′ə tē) ***n.*** **1** honesty **2** accuracy **3** truth

Ver·a·cruz (ver′ə kro͞oz′) state of Mexico, on the E coast: 28,114 sq. mi; pop. 6,228,000

ve·ran·da or **ve·ran·dah** (və ran′də) ***n.*** [< Port *varanda,* balcony] an open porch or portico, usually roofed, along the outside of a building

verb (vʉrb) ***n.*** [L *verbum,* a word] a word expressing action, existence, or occurrence

ver·bal (vʉr′bəl) ***adj.*** **1** of, in, or by means of words **2** in speech; oral **3** of, like, or derived from a verb —**ver′bal·ly** ***adv.***

ver′bal·ize′ ***vi.*** **-ized′, -iz′ing** to use words for communication —***vt.*** to express in words —**ver′ba·li·za′tion** ***n.***

verbal noun *Gram.* a noun derived from a verb (Ex.: *swimming* is fun)

ver·ba·tim (vər bāt′əm) ***adv., adj.*** [< L *verbum,* a word] word for word

ver·be·na (vər bē′nə) ***n.*** [L, foliage] an ornamental plant with spikes or clusters of showy red, white, or purplish flowers

ver·bi·age (vʉr′bē ij′) ***n.*** [Fr < L *verbum,* a word] an excess of words; wordiness

ver·bose (vər bōs′) ***adj.*** [< L *verbum,* a word] using too many words; wordy —**ver·bos′i·ty** (-bäs′ə tē) ***n.***

ver·dant (vʉr′dənt) ***adj.*** [prob. VERD(URE) + -ANT] **1** green **2** covered with green vegetation

Ver·di (ver′dē), **Giu·sep·pe** (jo͞o zep′pe) 1813-1901; It. operatic composer

ver·dict (vʉr′dikt) ***n.*** [< L *vere,* truly + *dictum,* a thing said] **1** the formal finding of a judge or jury **2** any decision or judgment

ver·di·gris (vʉr′di grēs′, -gris) ***n.*** [< OFr *vert de Grece,* lit., green of Greece] a greenish coating that forms on brass, bronze, or copper

ver·dure (vʉr′jər) ***n.*** [< OFr *verd,* green] **1** the fresh-green color of growing things **2** green vegetation

verge[1] (vʉrj) ***n.*** [< L *virga,* rod] the edge, brink, or margin (*of* something) —***vi.*** **verged, verg′ing** to be on the verge: usually with *on* or *upon*

verge[2] (vʉrj) ***vi.*** **verged, verg′ing** [L *vergere,* to bend, turn] **1** to tend or incline (*to* or *toward*) **2** to change or pass gradually (*into*)

verg·er (vʉr′jər) ***n.*** [ME, ult. < L *virga,* rod] a church caretaker or usher

Ver·gil (vʉr′jəl) *alt. sp. of* VIRGIL

ver·i·fy (ver′ə fī′) ***vt.*** **-fied′, -fy′ing** [< L *verus,* true + *-ficare,* -FY] **1** to prove to be true by demonstration, evidence, etc.; confirm **2** to test the accuracy of —**ver′i·fi′a·ble** ***adj.*** —**ver′i·fi·ca′tion** ***n.***

ver·i·ly (ver′ə lē) ***adv.*** [Archaic] truly

ver·i·si·mil·i·tude (ver′ə si mil′ə to͞od′) ***n.*** [< L *verus,* true + *similis,* like] the appearance of being true or real

ver·i·ta·ble (ver′i tə bəl) ***adj.*** [see fol.] true; actual

ver·i·ty (ver′ə tē) ***n.*** [< L *verus,* true] **1** truth; reality **2** *pl.* **-ties** a principle, belief, etc. taken to be fundamentally true; a truth

ver·mi·cel·li (vʉr′mə sel′ē, -chel′ē) ***n.*** [It < L *vermis,* a worm] pasta like thin spaghetti

ver·mic·u·lite (vər mik′yə līt′) ***n.*** [< L

vermis, a worm] a hydrous silicate mineral that expands when heated, used as in insulation

ver·mi·form (vʉr'mə fôrm') ***adj.*** [< L *vermis*, a worm + -FORM] shaped like a worm

vermiform appendix the appendix extending from the cecum of the large intestine

ver·mil·ion (vər mil'yən) ***n.*** [< L *vermis*, a worm] **1** a bright-red pigment **2** a bright red or scarlet

ver·min (vʉr'mən) ***n.***, *pl.* **-min** [< L *vermis*, a worm] **1** [*pl.*] various destructive insects or small animals regarded as pests, as rats **2** a vile person

Ver·mont (vər mänt') New England state of the U.S.: 9,249 sq. mi.; pop. 563,000; cap. Montpelier: abbrev. *VT* — **Ver·mont'er** ***n.***

ver·mouth (vər mo͞oth') ***n.*** [< Ger *wermut*, wormwood] a white fortified wine flavored with herbs, used in cocktails and as an aperitif

ver·nac·u·lar (vər nak'yə lər) ***adj.*** [< L *vernaculus*, indigenous] **1** of, in, or using the native language of a place **2** native to a country —***n.*** **1** the native language or dialect of a country or place **2** the common, everyday language of a people **3** the jargon of a profession or trade

ver·nal (vʉr'nəl) ***adj.*** [< L *ver*, spring] **1** of or in the spring **2** springlike **3** youthful

ver·ni·er (vʉr'nē ər) ***n.*** [after P. *Vernier*, 17th-c. Fr mathematician] a short graduated scale sliding along a longer graduated instrument to indicate parts of divisions: also **vernier scale**

Ver·sailles (vər sī') city in NC France, near Paris: site of a palace built by Louis XIV: pop. 88,000

ver·sa·tile (vʉr'sə təl) ***adj.*** [< L *vertere*, to turn] competent in many things — **ver'sa·til'i·ty** (-til'ə tē) ***n.***

verse (vʉrs) ***n.*** [< L *vertere*, to turn] **1** a single line of poetry **2** poetry **3** a particular form of poetry **4** a poem **5** a stanza **6** *Bible* any of the short divisions of a chapter

versed (vʉrst) ***adj.*** [< L *versari*, be busy] skilled or learned (*in* a subject)

ver·si·fy (vʉr'sə fī') ***vi.*** **-fied'**, **-fy'ing** [< L *versus*, a verse + *facere*, make] to compose verses —***vt.*** **1** to tell about in verse **2** to put into verse form —**ver'si·fi·ca'tion** ***n.*** —**ver'si·fi'er** ***n.***

ver·sion (vʉr'zhən) ***n.*** [see VERSE] **1** a translation, esp. of the Bible **2** an account showing one point of view **3** a particular form of something

ver·sus (vʉr'səs) ***prep.*** [ML < L, toward] **1** against **2** in contrast with

ver·te·bra (vʉr'tə brə) ***n.***, *pl.* **-brae'** (-brē', -brā') or **-bras** [L < *vertere*, to turn] any of the single bones of the spinal column —**ver'te·bral** ***adj.***

ver'te·brate (-brit, -brāt') ***adj.*** **1** having a backbone, or spinal column **2** of the vertebrates —***n.*** any of a large division of animals having a spinal column, as mammals, birds, etc.

ver·tex (vʉr'teks') ***n.***, *pl.* **-tex'es** or **-ti·ces'** (-tə sēz') [L] **1** the highest point; top **2** *Geom.* the point of intersection of the two sides of an angle

ver·ti·cal (vʉr'ti kəl) ***adj.*** **1** of or at the vertex **2** upright, straight up or down, etc. —***n.*** a vertical line, plane, etc. — **ver'ti·cal·ly** ***adv.***

ver·tig·i·nous (vər tij'ə nəs) ***adj.*** of, having, or causing vertigo

ver·ti·go (vʉr'ti gō') ***n.*** [L < *vertere*, to turn] a sensation of dizziness

verve (vʉrv) ***n.*** [Fr < OFr, manner of speech] vigor; energy; enthusiasm.

ver·y (ver'ē) ***adj.*** [< L *verus*, true] **1** complete; absolute *[the very opposite]* **2** same *[the very hat I lost]* **3** being just what is needed **4** actual *[caught in the very act]*: often an intensive *[the very rafters shook]* —***adv.*** **1** extremely **2** truly; really *[the very same man]*

very high frequency any radio frequency between 30 and 300 megahertz

very low frequency any radio frequency between 10 and 30 kilohertz

ves·i·cant (ves'i kənt) ***adj.*** [< L *vesica*, a blister] causing blisters —***n.*** a vesicant agent, as mustard gas used in warfare to blister skin and lungs

ves'i·cle (-kəl) ***n.*** [< L *vesica*, bladder] a small, membranous cavity, sac, or cyst —**ve·sic·u·lar** (və sik'yə lər) or **ve·sic'u·late** (-lit) ***adj.***

ves·pers (ves'pərz) ***n.*** [ult. < L *vespera*, evening] [*often* **V-**] [*usually with sing v.*] an evening prayer or service

Ves·puc·ci (ves po͞ot'chē), **A·me·ri·go** (ä' me rē'gô) (L. name *Americus Vespucius*) 1454-1512; It. navigator & explorer

ves·sel (ves'əl) ***n.*** [< L *vas*] **1** a utensil for holding something, as a bowl, kettle, etc. **2** a boat or ship **3** a tube or duct of the body, containing a fluid

vest (vest) ***n.*** [< L *vestis*, garment] a short, sleeveless garment, esp. one worn under a suit coat by men —***vt.*** **1** to dress, as in clerical robes **2** to place (authority, etc.) in someone **3** to put (a person) in control of, as power, etc. —***vi.*** to pass to a person; become vested (*in* a person), as property

ves·tal (ves'təl) ***adj.*** [< L *Vesta*, goddess of the hearth] chaste; pure —***n.*** a virgin priestess of the Roman goddess Vesta: in full **vestal virgin**

vest·ed (ves'tid) ***adj.*** [pp. of VEST] *Law* fixed; settled; absolute *[a vested right]*

vested interest **1** an established right, as to some future benefit **2** [*pl.*] groups pursuing selfish goals and exerting controlling influence

ves·ti·bule (ves'tə by͞ol') ***n.*** [L *vestibulum*] a small entrance hall, as to a building

ves·tige (ves'tij) ***n.*** [< L *vestigium*, footprint] **1** a trace, mark, or sign, esp. of something that has passed away **2** *Biol.* a degenerate part, more fully developed in an earlier stage —**ves·tig'i·al** (-tij'ē əl, -tij'əl) ***adj.***

vest'ing ***n.*** the retention by an employee of all or part of pension rights

vest·ment (vest'mənt) ***n.*** [< L *vestire*,

clothe] a garment or robe, esp. one worn by a the clergy

vest′-pock′et ***adj.*** very small, or unusually small

ves·try (ves′trē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-tries** [< L *vestis*, garment] **1** a room in a church where vestments, etc. are kept **2** a room in a church, used as a chapel **3** a group of church members managing the temporal affairs of the church

Ve·su·vi·us (və so͞o′vē əs) active volcano in S Italy, near Naples

vet[1] (vet) ***vt.*** to evaluate thoroughly or expertly

vet[2] *abbrev.* **1** veteran **2** veterinarian **3** veterinary

vetch (vech) ***n.*** [< L *vicia*] a leafy, climbing or trailing plant of the pea family, grown for fodder

vet·er·an (vet′ər ən, ve′trən) ***adj.*** [< L *vetus*, old] **1** old and experienced **2** of veterans —***n.*** **1** one who has served in the armed forces **2** one who has served long in some position

Veterans Day a legal holiday in the U.S. honoring all veterans of the armed forces: observed on ARMISTICE DAY

vet·er·i·nar·i·an (vet′ər ə ner′ē ən) ***n.*** one who practices veterinary medicine or surgery

vet′er·i·nar′y (-ē) ***adj.*** [< L *veterina*, beasts of burden] designating or of the branch of medicine dealing with animals —***n.***, *pl.* **-ies** VETERINARIAN

ve·to (vē′tō) ***n.***, *pl.* **-toes** [L, I forbid] **1** *a*) an order prohibiting some act *b*) the power to prohibit action **2** *a*) the power of one branch of government to reject bills passed by another *b*) the exercise of this power —***vt.*** **-toed, -to·ing** **1** to prevent (a bill) from becoming law by a veto **2** to forbid

vex (veks) ***vt.*** [< L *vexare*, agitate] **1** to disturb; annoy, esp. in a petty way **2** to distress; afflict

vex·a·tion (vek sā′shən) ***n.*** **1** a vexing or being vexed **2** something that vexes —**vex·a′tious** ***adj.***

VHF or **vhf** *abbrev.* very high frequency

VHS [*v*(*ideo*) *h*(*ome*) *s*(*ystem*)] *trademark for* an electronic system for recording video and audio information on videocassettes

vi *abbrev.* intransitive verb

VI *abbrev.* Virgin Islands: also **V.I.**

vi·a (vī′ə, vē′ə) ***prep.*** [L, way] by way of

vi·a·ble (vī′ə bəl) ***adj.*** [< L *vita*, life] **1** sufficiently developed to be able to live outside the uterus **2** workable *[viable* ideas*]* —**vi′a·bil′i·ty** ***n.***

vi·a·duct (vī′ə dukt′) ***n.*** [< VIA + (AQUE)DUCT] a bridge consisting of a series of short spans, supported on piers or towers

Vi·ag·ra (vī ag′rə) *trademark for* a compound used to treat erectile dysfunction of the penis

vi·al (vī′əl) ***n.*** [< OFr *fiole*] a small vessel or bottle for liquids

vi·and (vī′ənd) ***n.*** [< L *vivere*, to live] an article of food

vibes (vībz) ***pl.n.*** **1** VIBRAPHONE **2** [Slang] qualities thought of as being like vibrations which produce an emotional reaction in others

vi·brant (vī′brənt) ***adj.*** **1** quivering or vibrating **2** produced by vibration **3** vigorous, vivacious, etc. —**vi′bran·cy** ***n.*** —**vi′brant·ly** ***adv.***

vi·bra·phone (vī′brə fōn′) ***n.*** a musical instrument like the marimba, with electrically operated resonators —**vi′bra·phon′ist** ***n.***

vi·brate (vī′brāt′) ***vt.*** **-brat′ed, -brat′ing** [< L *vibrare*] to set in to-and-fro motion —***vi.*** **1** to swing back and forth; oscillate **2** to move rapidly back and forth; quiver **3** to resound **4** to be emotionally stirred —**vi·bra′tion** ***n.*** —**vi′bra′tor** ***n.***

vi·bra·to (vi brät′ō) ***n.***, *pl.* **-tos** [It] a pulsating effect produced by rapid alternation of a given tone with a barely perceptible variation in pitch

vi·bra·to·ry (vī′brə tôr′ē) ***adj.*** **1** of, like, or causing vibration **2** vibrating or capable of vibrating

vi·bur·num (vī bur′nəm) ***n.*** [L, wayfaring tree] a shrub or small tree with white flowers

vic·ar (vik′ər) ***n.*** [< L *vicis*, a change] **1** *Anglican Ch.* a parish priest receiving a stipend **2** *R.C.Ch.* a church officer acting as a deputy of a bishop

vic′ar·age ***n.*** **1** the residence of a vicar **2** the position or duties of a vicar

vi·car·i·ous (vī ker′ē əs) ***adj.*** [< L *vicarius*, substituted] **1** endured or performed by one person in place of another **2** shared in by imagined participation in another's experience *[a vicarious* thrill*]* —**vi·car′i·ous·ly** ***adv.***

vice[1] (vīs) ***n.*** [< L *vitium*] **1** *a*) an evil action or habit *b*) evil conduct *c*) prostitution **2** a trivial fault or failing

vi·ce[2] (vī′sē) ***prep.*** [L < *vicis*, a change] in the place of

vice- [see prec.] *prefix* a subordinate; deputy *[vice*-president*]*

vice·ge·rent (vīs′jir′ənt) ***n.*** [< VICE- + L *gerere*, to direct] a deputy

vice′-pres′i·dent ***n.*** an officer next in rank below a president, acting during the president's absence or incapacity: for the U.S. official, usually **Vice President** —**vice′-pres′i·den·cy** ***n.***

vice·roy (vīs′roi′) ***n.*** [MFr < *vice-* (see VICE-) + *roy*, king] a person ruling a region as the deputy of a sovereign

vi·ce ver·sa (vī′sə vur′sə, vīs′ vur′sə) [L] the relation being reversed

vi·chys·soise (vē′shē swäz′, vish′ē-) ***n.*** a thick, cold soup of potatoes, leeks, and cream

vi·cin·i·ty (və sin′ə tē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ties** [< L *vicus*, village] **1** nearness; proximity **2** the surrounding area

vi·cious (vish′əs) ***adj.*** [< L *vitium*, vice] **1** characterized by vice; evil or depraved **2** faulty; flawed **3** unruly *[a vicious* horse*]* **4** malicious; spiteful *[a vicious* rumor*]* **5** very intense, forceful, etc. *[a vicious* blow*]* —**vi′cious·ly** ***adv.*** —**vi′cious·ness** ***n.***

vicious circle a situation in which the solution of one problem gives rise to

another, eventually bringing back the first problem: also **vicious cycle**

vi·cis·si·tudes (vi sis′ə to͞odz′) ***pl.n.*** [< L *vicis*, a turn] unpredictable changes in life; ups and downs

Vicks·burg (viks′bʉrg′) city in W Mississippi: besieged & captured by Grant in the Civil War (1863): pop. 21,000

vic·tim (vik′təm) ***n.*** [L *victima*] **1** someone or something killed, destroyed, sacrificed, etc. **2** one who suffers some loss, esp. by being swindled

vic′tim·ize′ (-īz′) ***vt.*** **-ized′**, **-iz′ing** to make a victim of

vic·tor (vik′tər) ***n.*** [< L *vincere*, conquer] the winner in a battle, struggle, etc.

Vic·to·ri·a[1] (vik tôr′ē ə) 1819-1901; queen of Great Britain & Ireland (1837-1901)

Vic·to·ri·a[2] (vik tôr′ē ə) capital of British Columbia, Canada: pop. 74,000

Vic·to′ri·an ***adj.*** **1** of or characteristic of the period of the reign of Queen Victoria **2** showing the respectability, prudery, etc. attributed to the Victorians — ***n.*** a person of that time —**Vic·to′ri·an·ism′** ***n.***

vic·to·ri·ous (vik tôr′ē əs) ***adj.*** **1** having won a victory; triumphant **2** of or bringing about victory

vic·to·ry (vik′tər ē, -trē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ries** [< L *vincere*, conquer] the winning of a battle, war, or any struggle

vict·uals (vit′lz) ***pl.n.*** [< L *victus*, food] [Inf. or Dial.] articles of food

vi·cu·ña (vī kyo͞o′nyə, -nə) ***n.*** [Sp] **1** a small llama of South America **2** its soft, shaggy wool

vi·de (vī′dē) ***v.*** [L] see; refer to (a certain page, etc.)

vid·e·o (vid′ē ō′) ***adj.*** [L, I see] **1** of television **2** of the picture portion of a telecast **3** of data display on a computer — ***n.***, *pl.* **-os′** **1** TELEVISION **2** *short for* VIDEOCASSETTE, VIDEOTAPE, etc.

vid′e·o·cas·sette′ ***n.*** a cassette of videotape

vídeocassette recorder a device for recording on and playing back videocassettes: also **vid′e·o·re·cord′er** ***n.***

vid′e·o·con′fer·enc·ing ***n.*** the holding of a conference at several locations by TV

vid′e·o·disc′ ***n.*** a disc on which images and sounds can be recorded for reproduction on a TV set: also **vid′e·o·disk′**

video game any of various games involving images, controlled by players, on a TV screen, computer monitor, etc.

vid′e·o·tape′ ***n.*** a magnetic tape on which images and sounds can be recorded for reproduction on TV —***vt.*** **-taped′**, **-tap′ing** to record on videotape

vie (vī) ***vi.*** **vied**, **vy′ing** [< L *invitare*, invite] to struggle for superiority (*with* someone); compete

Vi·en·na (vē en′ə) capital of Austria: pop. 1,516,000 —**Vi·en·nese** (vē′ə nēz′), *pl.* **-nese′**, ***adj.***, ***n.***

Vi·et·nam (vē′et näm′, -nam′) country on the E coast of Indochina: partitioned into two republics (**North Vietnam** & **South Vietnam**) in 1954, and reunified in 1976 as **Socialist Republic of Vietnam**: 127,246 sq. mi.; pop. 64,412,000 —**Vi′et·nam·ese′** (-nə mēz′), *pl.* **-ese′**, ***adj.***, ***n.***

view (vyo͞o) ***n.*** [< L *videre*, to see] **1** a seeing or looking, as in inspection **2** range of vision **3** mental survey [a correct *view* of a situation] **4** a scene or prospect [a room with a *view*] **5** manner of regarding something; opinion — ***vt.*** **1** to inspect; scrutinize **2** to see; behold **3** to survey mentally; consider —**in view** **1** in sight **2** under consideration **3** as a goal or hope —**in view of** because of —**on view** displayed publicly —**with a view to** with the purpose or hope of

view′er ***n.*** **1** one who views something **2** an optical device for individual viewing of slides

view′find′er ***n.*** a camera device for viewing what will appear in the photograph

view′point′ ***n.*** the mental position from which things are viewed and judged; point of view

vig·il (vij′əl) ***n.*** [< L, awake] **1** *a*) a watchful staying awake *b*) a watch kept **2** the eve of a church festival

vig·i·lant (vij′ə lənt) ***adj.*** [< L *vigil*, awake] staying watchful and alert to danger or trouble —**vig′i·lance** ***n.***

vig·i·lan·te (vij′ə lan′tē) ***n.*** [Sp, watchman] one who acts outside the law to punish or avenge a crime —**vig′i·lan′tism′** ***n.*** —**vig′i·lan′tist** ***adj.***

vi·gnette (vin yet′) ***n.*** [Fr < *vigne*, vine] **1** an ornamental design used on a page of a book, etc. **2** a picture shading off gradually at the edges **3** a short literary sketch, scene in a film, etc.

vig·or (vig′ər) ***n.*** [< L *vigere*, be strong] active force or strength; vitality; energy: Brit. sp. **vig′our** —**vig′or·ous** ***adj.*** —**vig′or·ous·ly** ***adv.***

vik·ing (vī′kiŋ) ***n.*** [ON *vikingr*] [*also* **V-**] any of the Scandinavian pirates of the 8th to the 10th c.

vile (vīl) ***adj.*** [< L *vilis*, cheap, base] **1** morally evil; wicked **2** disgusting **3** degrading; mean **4** very bad [*vile* weather] —**vile′ness** ***n.***

vil·i·fy (vil′ə fī′) ***vt.*** **-fied′**, **-fy′ing** [see prec. & -FY] to use abusive language about or of; defame —**vil′i·fi·ca′tion** ***n.***

vil·la (vil′ə) ***n.*** [It < L, a farm] a country house or estate, esp. a large one

vil·lage (vil′ij) ***n.*** [see prec.] **1** a community smaller than a town **2** the people of a village, collectively —**vil′lag·er** ***n.***

vil·lain (vil′ən) ***n.*** [< VL *villanus*, a farm servant] a wicked or evil person, or such a character in a play, etc. —**vil′lain·ess** ***fem.n.*** —**vil′lain·ous** ***adj.***

vil′lain·y ***n.***, *pl.* **-ies** **1** wickedness; evil **2** a villainous act

vil·lein (vil′ən) ***n.*** [see VILLAIN] a feudal serf who had become a freeman, except to his lord

vim (vim) ***n.*** [prob. echoic] vigor

vin (van; *E* vin) ***n.*** [Fr] wine

vin·ai·grette (vin′ə gret′) ***n.*** [Fr <

vinaigre, vinegar] a salad dressing of vinegar, oil, etc.

Vinci, Leonardo da *see* DA VINCI, Leonardo

vin·di·cate (vin′də kāt′) ***vt.*** **-cat′ed, -cat′ing** [< L *vis,* force + *dicere,* say] **1** to clear from criticism, blame, etc. **2** to defend against opposition **3** to justify —**vin′di·ca′tion** ***n.*** —**vin′di·ca′tor** ***n.***

vin·dic·tive (vin dik′tiv) ***adj.*** [see prec.] **1** revengeful in spirit **2** said or done in revenge —**vin·dic′tive·ly** ***adv.*** —**vin·dic′tive·ness** ***n.***

vine (vīn) ***n.*** [< L *vinum,* wine] **1** *a*) a plant with a long, thin stem that grows along the ground or climbs a support *b*) the stem of such a plant **2** a grapevine

vin·e·gar (vin′ə gər) ***n.*** [< medieval Fr *vin,* wine + *aigre,* sour] a sour liquid made by fermenting cider, wine, etc. and used as a condiment and preservative —**vin′e·gar·y** ***adj.***

vine·yard (vin′yərd) ***n.*** land devoted to cultivating grapevines

vi·no (vē′nō) ***n.*** [It & Sp] wine

vin ro·sé (rō zā′; *E* rō zā′) [Fr] ROSÉ

vin·tage (vin′tij) ***n.*** [< L *vinum,* wine + *demere,* remove] **1** the grape crop of a single season **2** the wine of a particular region and year **3** the model of a particular period *[*a car of prewar *vintage]* —***adj.*** **1** of a particular vintage: said of wine **2** representative of the best *[vintage* Hemingway*]* **3** of a past period *[vintage* clothes*]*

vint·ner (vint′nər) ***n.*** [< ME < L *vinum,* wine] one who sells or makes wine

vi·nyl (vī′nəl) ***n.*** [< L *vinum,* wine] any of various compounds polymerized to form resins and plastics (**vinyl plastics**)

vi·ol (vī′əl) ***n.*** [< VL *vitula,* a fiddle] any of an early family of stringed instruments, usually having six strings, frets, and a flat back

vi·o·la (vē ō′lə, vī-) ***n.*** [It] a stringed instrument of the violin family, slightly larger than a violin

vi·o·la·ble (vī′ə lə bəl) ***adj.*** that can be, or is likely to be, violated

vi·o·late (vī′ə lāt′) ***vt.*** **-lat′ed, -lat′ing** [< L *violare,* use violence] **1** to fail to obey or keep (a law, etc.) **2** to rape **3** to desecrate (something sacred) **4** to break in upon; disturb —**vi′o·la′tor** ***n.***

vi′o·la′tion (-lā′shən) ***n.*** a violating or being violated; specif., *a*) infringement, as of a law *b*) rape *c*) desecration of something sacred *d*) disturbance

vi′o·lence (-ləns) ***n.*** [< L *violentus,* violent] **1** physical force used so as to injure **2** powerful force, as of a hurricane **3** harm done by violating rights, etc. **4** a violent act or deed

vi′o·lent ***adj.*** **1** acting with or having great physical force **2** caused by violence **3** furious *[violent* language*]* **4** extreme; intense *[*a *violent* storm*]* —**vi′o·lent·ly** ***adv.***

vi·o·let (vī′ə lit) ***n.*** [< L *viola*] **1** a plant with white, blue, purple, or yellow flowers **2** a bluish-purple color —***adj.*** bluish-purple

vi·o·lin (vī′ə lin′) ***n.*** [< VIOLA] any of the modern family of four-stringed musical instruments played with a bow; specif., the smallest and highest-pitched one of this family —**vi′o·lin′ist** ***n.***

vi·ol·ist (vī′əl ist; *for 2* vē ō′list) ***n.*** **1** a viol player **2** a viola player

vi·o·lon·cel·lo (vē′ə län chel′ō, vī′ə lən-) ***n.***, *pl.* **-los** CELLO

VIP (vē′ī′pē′) ***n.*** [*v*(*ery*) *i*(*mportant*) *p*(*erson*)] a high-ranking official or important guest

vi·per (vī′pər) ***n.*** [OFr < L *vipera*] **1** a venomous snake **2** a malicious or treacherous person —**vi′per·ous** ***adj.***

vi·ral (vī′rəl) ***adj.*** of or caused by a virus

vir·e·o (vir′ē ō′) ***n.***, *pl.* **-os′** [L, a type of finch] a small American songbird, with olive-green or gray feathers

Vir·gil (vur′jəl) 70-19 B.C.; Rom. poet: author of the *Aeneid*

vir·gin (vur′jən) ***n.*** [< L *virgo,* a maiden] one, esp. a young woman, who has never had sexual intercourse —***adj.*** **1** being a virgin **2** chaste; modest **3** untouched, unused, pure, etc. *[virgin* land*]* —**the Virgin** Mary, the mother of Jesus

vir′gin·al ***adj.*** VIRGIN

Vir·gin·ia (vər jin′yə) state of the S U.S.: 39,598 sq. mi.; pop. 6,187,000; cap. Richmond: abbrev. *VA* —**Vir·gin′i·an** ***adj.***, ***n.***

Virginia Beach city in SE Virginia, on the Atlantic: pop. 393,000

Virginia creeper WOODBINE (sense 2)

Virginia reel an American variety of reel danced by couples in two parallel rows

Virgin Islands group of islands in the West Indies, divided between those forming a British territory & those constituting a U.S. territory (**Virgin Islands of the United States**): U.S. part, 134 sq. mi., pop. 102,000

vir·gin·i·ty (vər jin′ə tē) ***n.*** a being a virgin

Virgin Mary Mary, the mother of Jesus

Vir·go (vur′gō′) ***n.*** [L, virgin] the sixth sign of the zodiac

vir·gule (vur′gyo͞ol′) ***n.*** [< L *virgula,* small rod] a diagonal line (*/*) used in dates or fractions (3/8) and also standing for "or", "per", etc.

vir·ile (vir′əl) ***adj.*** [< L *vir,* a man] **1** of or characteristic of a man; masculine **2** having manly strength or vigor **3** sexually potent —**vi·ril·i·ty** (və ril′ə tē) ***n.***

vi·rol·o·gy (vī räl′ə jē) ***n.*** [< VIR(US) + -O- + -LOGY] the study of viruses and virus diseases —**vi·rol′o·gist** ***n.***

vir·tu·al (vur′cho͞o əl) ***adj.*** being so in effect, although not in actual fact or name —**vir′tu·al·ly** ***adv.***

virtual reality computer simulation of three-dimensional images, with which one may seemingly interact using special electronic devices

vir·tue (vur′cho͞o) ***n.*** [< L *virtus,* worth] **1** general moral excellence **2** a specific moral quality regarded as good **3** chastity **4** *a*) excellence in general *b*) a good quality **5** efficacy, as of a medicine —**by** (or **in**) **virtue of** because of

vir·tu·o·so (vʉr′chōō ō′sō) ***n.***, *pl.* **-sos** or **-si** (-sē) [It, skilled] one with great skill in a fine art —**vir′tu·os′i·ty** (-äs′ə tē) ***n.***

vir·tu·ous (vʉr′chōō əs) ***adj.*** **1** having, or characterized by, moral virtue **2** chaste: said of a woman —**vir′tu·ous·ly** ***adv.***

vir·u·lent (vir′yoo lənt, -oo-) ***adj.*** [see fol.] **1** *a*) extremely poisonous *b*) full of hate **2** *Med. a*) violent and rapid in its course *b*) highly infectious —**vir′u·lence** ***n.***

vi·rus (vī′rəs) ***n.*** [L, a poison] **1** a microscopic infectious agent causing various diseases **2** any harmful influence **3** unauthorized, disruptive, spreadable computer program instructions

vi·sa (vē′zə, -sə) ***n.*** [< L *videre*, see] an endorsement on a passport, granting entry into a country

vis·age (viz′ij) ***n.*** [see prec.] **1** the face; countenance **2** aspect; look

vis-à-vis (vē′zə vē′) ***adj.***, ***adv.*** [Fr] face to face; opposite —***prep.*** **1** opposite to **2** in relation to

vis·cer·a (vis′ər ə) ***pl.n.***, *sing.* **vis′cus** (-kəs) [L] the internal organs of the body, as the heart, lungs, intestines, etc.

vis′cer·al ***adj.*** **1** of the viscera **2** intuitive, emotional, etc. rather than intellectual

vis·cid (vis′id) ***adj.*** [< LL *viscidus*, sticky] thick, syrupy, and sticky

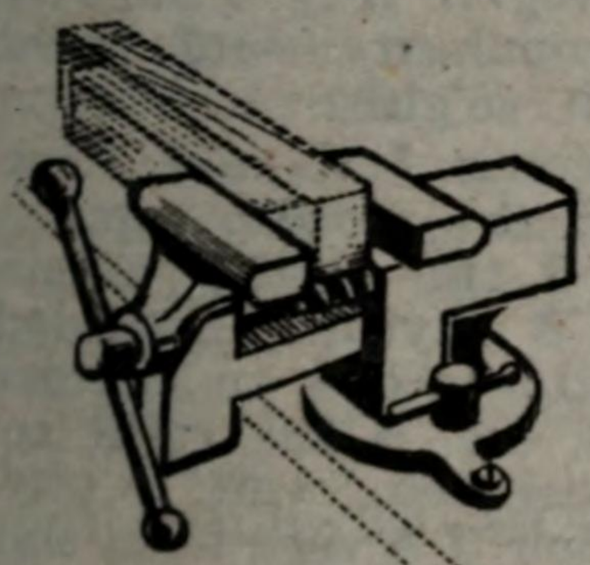
vis·cose (vis′kōs′) ***n.*** [see VISCID] a syruplike solution of cellulose, used in making rayon and cellophane

vis·cos·i·ty (vis käs′ə tē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ties** **1** a viscous quality **2** *Physics* the resistance of a fluid to flowing freely

vis·count (vī′kount′) ***n.*** [see VICE- & COUNT²] a nobleman next below an earl or count and above a baron —**vis′count′ess** ***fem.n.***

vis·cous (vis′kəs) ***adj.*** [see VISCID] **1** syrupy; viscid **2** *Physics* having viscosity

vise (vīs) ***n.*** [< L *vitis*, vine, lit., that which winds] a device having two jaws closed by a screw, used for holding firmly an object being worked on



VISE

Vish·nu (vish′nōō) ***n.*** a Hindu god, often in human incarnation

vis·i·bil·i·ty (viz′ə bil′ə tē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ties** **1** a being visible **2** *a*) the relative possibility of being seen under the prevailing conditions of distance, light, etc. *[red has good visibility] b*) range of vision

vis·i·ble (viz′ə bəl) ***adj.*** [< L *videre*, to see] **1** that can be seen **2** apparent —**vis′i·bly** ***adv.***

vi·sion (vizh′ən) ***n.*** [see prec.] **1** the power of seeing **2** something seen in a dream, trance, etc., or supernaturally revealed **3** a mental image **4** the ability to perceive or foresee something, as through mental acuteness **5** something or someone of great beauty

vi′sion·ar′y (-er′ē) ***adj.*** **1** seen in a vision **2** not realistic; impractical *[a visionary scheme]* —***n.***, *pl.* **-ies** **1** one who sees visions **2** one whose ideas, etc. are impractical

vis·it (viz′it) ***vt.*** [< L *videre*, to see] **1** to go or come to see **2** to stay with as a guest **3** to afflict or trouble —***vi.*** **1** to make a social call **2** [Inf.] to chat —***n.*** **1** a social call **2** a stay as a guest

vis′it·ant ***n.*** a visitor

vis·it·a·tion (viz′ə tā′shən) ***n.*** **1** an official visit, as to inspect **2** a reward or punishment, as sent by God **3** the legal right to visit one's children, as after divorce **4** the visiting of a family in mourning

vis′i·tor ***n.*** a person making a visit

vi·sor (vī′zər) ***n.*** [< OFr *vis*, a face] **1** a part of a helmet that protects the face, often one that can be raised and lowered **2** a projecting brim, as of a cap, for shading the eyes

vis·ta (vis′tə) ***n.*** [< L *videre*, to see] **1** a view, esp. one seen through a long passage **2** a mental view of events

vis·u·al (vizh′ōō əl) ***adj.*** [< L *videre*, to see] **1** of or used in seeing **2** based on the use of sight **3** that can be seen; visible

vis′u·al·ize′ ***vt.***, ***vi.*** **-ized′**, **-iz′ing** to form a mental image of (something not present to the sight) —**vis′u·al·i·za′tion** ***n.***

vi·ta (vīt′ə, vēt′ə) ***n.*** [< *curriculum vitae* < L, course of life] a summary of one's personal history and professional qualifications, as that submitted by a job applicant; résumé

vi·tal (vīt′l) ***adj.*** [< L *vita*, life] **1** of or concerned with life **2** essential to life *[vital organs]* **3** fatal *[a vital wound]* **4** *a*) essential; indispensable *b*) very important **5** full of life; energetic —***n.*** [*pl.*] **1** the vital organs, as the heart, brain, etc. **2** any essential parts —**vi′tal·ly** ***adv.***

vi·tal·i·ty (vī tal′ə tē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ties** **1** power to live **2** power to endure **3** mental or physical vigor

vi·tal·ize (vīt′l īz′) ***vt.*** **-ized′**, **-iz′ing** to make vital; give life or vigor to

vital signs the pulse, respiration, and body temperature

vital statistics data on births, deaths, marriages, etc.

vi·ta·min (vīt′ə min) ***n.*** [< L *vita*, life] any of certain complex substances found variously in foods and essential to good health

vitamin A a fat-soluble alcohol found in fish-liver oil, egg yolk, carrots, etc.: a deficiency of this results in imperfect vision in the dark

vitamin B (complex) a group of unre-

lated water-soluble substances including *a*) **vitamin B_1** (see THIAMINE) *b*) **vitamin B_2** (see RIBOFLAVIN) *c*) NICOTINIC ACID *d*) **vitamin B_{12}**, a vitamin containing cobalt, used in treating anemia

vitamin C a compound occurring in citrus fruits, tomatoes, etc.: a deficiency of this results in scurvy

vitamin D any of several fat-soluble vitamins found in fish-liver oils, milk, etc.: a deficiency of this results in rickets

vitamin E a substance occurring in wheat germ, etc., vital to the reproductive processes in some animals

vitamin K a substance occurring in green vegetables, fish meal, etc., that clots blood

vi·ti·ate (vish′ē āt′) ***vt.*** **-at′ed, -at′ing** [< L *vitium,* a vice] **1** to spoil; corrupt; pervert **2** to invalidate (a contract, etc.) —**vi′ti·a′tion** ***n.***

vit·re·ous (vi′trē əs) ***adj.*** [< L *vitrum,* glass] **1** of or like glass **2** derived from or made of glass

vitreous humor (or **body**) the transparent, jellylike substance filling the eyeball between the retina and the lens

vit·ri·fy (vi′trə fī′) ***vt., vi.*** **-fied′, -fy′ing** [< L *vitrum,* glass + Fr *-fier,* -FY] to change into glass or a glasslike substance by heat

vit·rine (vi trēn′, vi′trēn′) ***n.*** [see VITREOUS] a glass-paneled cabinet or display case

vit·ri·ol (vi′trē ôl′) ***n.*** [< L *vitreus,* glassy] **1** *a*) any of several sulfates of metals, as of copper (*blue vitriol*) or iron (*green vitriol*) *b*) SULFURIC ACID **2** caustic remarks —**vit′ri·ol′ic** (-äl′ik) ***adj.***

vi·tu·per·ate (vī tōō′pər āt′, vi-) ***vt.*** **-at′ed, -at′ing** [< L *vitium,* a fault, + *parare,* prepare] to speak abusively to or about —**vi·tu′per·a′tion** ***n.*** —**vi·tu′per·a′tive** ***adj.***

vi·va (vē′vä) ***v.impersonal*** [It & Sp] long live (someone specified)!

vi·va·ce (vē vä′chā) ***adj., adv.*** [It] *Music* in a lively, spirited manner: also written ***vivace***

vi·va·cious (vī vā′shəs, vi-) ***adj.*** [< L *vivere,* to live] full of animation; lively —**vi·va′cious·ly** ***adv.*** —**vi·vac′i·ty** (-vas′ə tē) or **vi·va′cious·ness** ***n.***

vive (vēv) ***v.impersonal*** [Fr] long live (someone specified)!

viv·id (viv′id) ***adj.*** [< L *vivere,* to live] **1** full of life **2** intense: said as of colors **3** active; daring *[a vivid imagination]* —**viv′id·ly** ***adv.*** —**viv′id·ness** ***n.***

viv·i·fy (viv′ə fī′) ***vt.*** **-fied′, -fy′ing** [< L *vivus,* alive + *facere,* make] to give life to

vi·vip·a·rous (vī vip′ər əs) ***adj.*** [< L *vivus,* alive + *parere,* produce] bearing living young, instead of laying eggs

viv·i·sec·tion (viv′ə sek′shən) ***n.*** [< L *vivus,* alive + SECTION] surgery performed on a living animal in medical research —**viv′i·sec′tion·ist** ***n.***

vix·en (vik′sən) ***n.*** [OE *fyxe,* female fox] **1** a female fox **2** a shrewish or malicious woman

Vi·yel·la (vī yəl′ə) [arbitrary coinage] *trademark for* a fabric like flannel, a blend of lamb's wool and cotton

viz. or **viz** *abbrev.* [< L *videlicet*] that is; namely

vi·zier (vi zir′, viz′yər) ***n.*** [< Ar *wazara,* bear a burden] a high government official in the Turkish empire (*c.* 1300-1918): also sp. **vi·zir′**

viz·or (vī′zər) ***n.*** *alt. sp. of* VISOR

VLF or **vlf** *abbrev.* very low frequency

vo·cab·u·lar·y (vō kab′yə ler′ē) ***n.,*** *pl.* **-ies** [ult. < L *vocare,* to call] **1** a list of words, etc. as in a dictionary or glossary **2** all the words used in a language or by a person, group, etc.

vo·cal (vō′kəl) ***adj.*** [< L *vox,* voice] **1** of or produced by the voice **2** sung **3** capable of making oral sounds **4** speaking freely —**vo′cal·ly** ***adv.***

vocal cords membranous folds in the larynx that vibrate to produce voice sounds

vo·cal·ic (vō kal′ik) ***adj.*** of, like, or involving a vowel or vowels

vo·cal·ist (vō′kəl ist) ***n.*** a singer

vo′cal·ize′ ***vt., vi.*** **-ized′, -iz′ing** to speak or sing

vo·ca·tion (vō kā′shən) ***n.*** [< L *vocare,* to call] **1** the career to which one feels one is called **2** any trade or occupation

vo·ca′tion·al ***adj.*** **1** of a vocation **2** designating or of training, etc. for an occupation or trade

voc·a·tive (väk′ə tiv) ***n.*** [see VOCATION] *Gram.* a case indicating the person or thing addressed

vo·cif·er·ate (vō sif′ər āt′) ***vt., vi.*** **-at′ed, -at′ing** [< L *vox,* voice + *ferre,* to bear] to shout loudly; clamor —**vo·cif′er·a′tion** ***n.***

vo·cif·er·ous (vō sif′ər əs) ***adj.*** noisy; clamorous

vod·ka (väd′kə) ***n.*** [Russ < *voda,* water] a colorless alcoholic liquor distilled from rye, wheat, etc.

vo-ed (vō′ed′) ***adj., n.*** [Inf.] (of) vocational education

vogue (vōg) ***n.*** [Fr] **1** the current fashion **2** popularity —***adj.*** in vogue: also **vogu·ish** (vō′gish)

voice (vois) ***n.*** [< L *vox*] **1** sound made through the mouth, esp. by human beings **2** the ability to make such sounds **3** anything regarded as like vocal utterance **4** an expressed wish, opinion, etc. **5** the right to express one's wish, etc.; vote **6** utterance or expression **7** a verb form showing the relation of the subject to the action: see ACTIVE (*adj.* 4), PASSIVE (*adj.* 3) **8** singing ability —***vt.*** **voiced, voic′ing** to give utterance or expression to —**with one voice** unanimously —**voice′less** ***adj.***

voice box LARYNX

voice mail **1** an electronic system whereby voice messages can be recorded, stored, and then delivered **2** such messages

voice′-o′ver ***n.*** the voice of an unseen announcer or narrator, as on TV

void (void) ***adj.*** [< L *vacare,* be empty] **1**

containing nothing **2** devoid (*of*) *[void* of common sense*]* **3** ineffective; useless **4** of no legal force —***n.*** **1** an empty space **2** a feeling of emptiness —***vt.*** **1** to empty **2** to make void; annul —**void'a·ble** ***adj.***

voi·là (vwȧ lȧ′) ***interj.*** ⟦Fr⟧ behold; there it is

voile (voil) ***n.*** ⟦Fr, a veil⟧ a thin fabric, as of cotton

vol *abbrev.* volume

vol·a·tile (väl′ə təl) ***adj.*** ⟦< L *volare,* to fly⟧ **1** evaporating quickly **2** *a*) unstable; explosive *b*) fickle —**vol′a·til′i·ty** (-til′ə tē) ***n.*** —**vol′a·til·ize′** (-īz′), **-ized′**, **-iz′ing**, ***vt.***, ***vi.***

vol·can·ic (väl kan′ik, vôl-) ***adj.*** **1** of or caused by a volcano **2** like a volcano; violently explosive

vol·ca·no (väl kā′nō, vôl-) ***n.***, *pl.* **-noes** or **-nos** ⟦< L *Volcanus,* Vulcan⟧ **1** a vent in the earth's crust through which molten rock, ashes, etc. are ejected **2** a cone-shaped mountain of this material built up around the vent

vole (vōl) ***n.*** ⟦< earlier *vole mouse* < Scand, as in ON *vǫllr*, meadow⟧ any of various small rodents with a stout body and short tail

Vol·ga (väl′gə, vōl′-) river in European Russia, flowing into the Caspian Sea

vo·li·tion (vō lish′ən) ***n.*** ⟦ult. < L *velle,* be willing⟧ the act or power of using the will —**vo·li′tion·al** ***adj.***

vol·ley (väl′ē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-leys** ⟦< L *volare,* to fly⟧ **1** *a*) the simultaneous discharge of a number of weapons *b*) the bullets, etc., so discharged **2** a burst of words or acts **3** *Sports a*) a returning of a ball, etc. before it touches the ground *b*) an extended exchange of shots, as in tennis —***vt.***, ***vi.*** **-leyed**, **-ley·ing** **1** to discharge or be discharged as in a volley **2** *Sports* to return (the ball, etc.) as a volley

vol′ley·ball′ ***n.*** **1** a team game played by hitting a large, light, inflated ball back and forth over a net with the hands **2** this ball

volt (vōlt) ***n.*** ⟦after A. *Volta* (1745-1827), It physicist⟧ the basic unit of electromotive force

volt·age (vōl′tij) ***n.*** electromotive force expressed in volts

vol·ta·ic (väl tā′ik) ***adj.*** of or by electricity produced by chemical action

Vol·taire (vōl ter′) 1694-1778; Fr. writer & philosopher

volt′me′ter ***n.*** an instrument for measuring voltage

vol·u·ble (väl′yə bəl) ***adj.*** ⟦< L *volvere,* to roll⟧ characterized by a great flow of words; talkative —**vol′u·bil′i·ty** ***n.*** —**vol′u·bly** ***adv.***

vol·ume (väl′yōōm) ***n.*** ⟦< L *volumen,* a scroll⟧ **1** *a*) a book *b*) one of a set of books **2** the amount of space occupied in three dimensions **3** *a*) a quantity, bulk, or amount *b*) a large quantity **4** the loudness of sound

vo·lu·mi·nous (və lōōm′ə nəs) ***adj.*** **1** producing or consisting of enough to fill volumes **2** large; bulky; full —**vo·lu′mi·nous·ly** ***adv.***

vol·un·ta·rism (väl′ən tər iz′em) ***n.*** (system of) voluntary participation in a course of action

vol′un·tar′y (-ter′ē) ***adj.*** ⟦< L *voluntas,* free will⟧ **1** brought about by one's own free choice **2** acting of one's own accord **3** intentional **4** controlled by one's mind or will —**vol′un·tar′i·ly** ***adv.***

vol·un·teer (väl′ən tir′) ***n.*** one who chooses freely to do something, as entering military service —***adj.*** **1** serving as a volunteer **2** of a volunteer or volunteers —***vt.*** to offer or give of one's own free will —***vi.*** to offer to enter into any service of one's own free will

vo·lup·tu·ar·y (və lup′chōō er′ē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ar′ies** ⟦< L *voluptas,* pleasure⟧ one devoted to sensual pleasures

vo·lup′tu·ous (-chōō əs) ***adj.*** full of, producing, or fond of sensual pleasures —**vo·lup′tu·ous·ness** ***n.***

vo·lute (və lōōt′) ***n.*** ⟦< L *volvere,* to roll⟧ a spiral or whorl

vom·it (väm′it) ***n.*** ⟦< L *vomere,* to vomit⟧ matter ejected from the stomach through the mouth —***vt.***, ***vi.*** **1** to eject (the contents of the stomach) through the mouth; throw up **2** to discharge or be discharged with force —**vom′i·tous** (-ə təs) ***adj.***

voo·doo (vōō′dōō′) ***n.***, *pl.* **-doos′** ⟦of WAfr orig.⟧ a religion of the West Indies, based on a belief in magic, charms, etc. —***adj.*** of or resembling voodoo

vo·ra·cious (vô rā′shəs) ***adj.*** ⟦< L *vorare,* devour⟧ **1** greedy in eating; ravenous **2** very eager *[*a *voracious* reader*]* —**vo·rac′i·ty** (-ras′ə tē) ***n.***

vor·tex (vôr′teks′) ***n.***, *pl.* **-tex′es** or **-ti·ces′** (-tə sēz′) ⟦< L *vertere*, to turn⟧ **1** a whirlpool **2** a whirlwind **3** anything like a whirlwind, etc. in effect

vo·ta·ry (vōt′ə rē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ries** ⟦< L *vovere,* to vow⟧ **1** one bound by a vow, esp. by religious vows, as a monk or nun **2** one devoted to a cause, study, etc.

vote (vōt) ***n.*** ⟦< L *votum,* a vow⟧ **1** a decision on a proposal, etc., or a choice between candidates for office **2** *a*) the expression of such a decision or choice *b*) the ballot, etc. by which it is expressed **3** the right to vote **4** votes collectively —***vi.*** **vot′ed**, **vot′ing** to give or cast a vote —***vt.*** to decide or enact by vote —**vot′er** ***n.***

vo·tive (vōt′iv) ***adj.*** ⟦see prec.⟧ designed to fulfill a promise, express devotion, etc.

vouch (vouch) ***vi.*** ⟦< L *vocare,* to call⟧ to give, or serve as, assurance, a guarantee, etc. (*for*) *[*to *vouch* for someone's honesty*]*

vouch′er ***n.*** **1** one who vouches **2** a paper serving as evidence or proof; specif., a receipt

vouch·safe (vouch sāf′) ***vt.*** **-safed′**, **-saf′ing** ⟦< ME *vouchen safe,* vouch as safe⟧ to be kind enough to give or grant

vow (vou) ***n.*** ⟦< L *votum*⟧ **1** a solemn promise, esp. one made to God **2** a promise of love and fidelity *[*marriage

vows] —***vt.*** to promise or declare solemnly —***vi.*** to make a vow —**take vows** to enter a religious order

vow·el (vou′əl) ***n.*** [< L *vocalis*, vocal] **1** a speech sound in which the air passes in a continuous stream through the open mouth **2** a letter representing such a sound, as *a, e, i, o,* or *u*

voy·age (voi′ij) ***n.*** [< L *via,* way] a relatively long journey by ship or spacecraft —***vi.*** **-aged, -ag·ing** to make a voyage —**voy′ag·er** ***n.***

voy·eur (voi ʉr′, vwä yʉr′) ***n.*** [< L *videre*, see] one who has an exaggerated interest in viewing sexual objects or activities —**voy·eur′ism′** ***n.*** —**voy′eur·is′tic** ***adj.***

VP *abbrev.* Vice-President

vs. or **vs** *abbrev.* versus

vt *abbrev.* transitive verb

VT Vermont

Vul·can (vul′kən) ***n.*** the Roman god of fire and of metalworking

vul·can·ize (vul′kən īz′) ***vt.*** **-ized′, -iz′ing** to treat (crude rubber) with sulfur under heat to make it stronger and more elastic —**vul′can·i·za′tion** ***n.***

Vulg *abbrev.* Vulgate

vul·gar (vul′gər) ***adj.*** [< L *vulgus*, common people] **1** of people in general; popular **2** vernacular **3** lacking culture, taste, etc.; crude; boorish **4** indecent or obscene —**vul′gar·ly** ***adv.***

vul·gar′i·an (-ger′ē ən) ***n.*** a rich person with coarse, showy tastes

vul′gar·ism′ (-gər iz′əm) ***n.*** **1** a word, phrase, etc. used widely but regarded as nonstandard, coarse, or obscene **2** vulgarity

vul·gar′i·ty (-ger′ə tē) ***n.*** **1** a being vulgar **2** *pl.* **-ties** a vulgar act, habit, usage in speech, etc.

vul′gar·ize′ (-gər īz′) ***vt.*** **-ized′, -iz′ing** **1** to popularize **2** to make vulgar, coarse, obscene, etc. —**vul′gar·i·za′tion** ***n.***

Vulgar Latin the everyday Latin spoken by ancient Romans as distinguished from standard written Latin

Vul·gate (vul′gāt′) ***n.*** [ML *vulgata* (*editio*), popular (edition)] a Latin version of the Bible, used in the Roman Catholic Church

vul·ner·a·ble (vul′nər ə bəl) ***adj.*** [< L *vulnus*, a wound] **1** that can be wounded or injured **2** open to, or easily hurt by, criticism or attack **3** affected by a specified influence, temptation, etc. —**vul′ner·a·bil′i·ty** ***n.*** —**vul′ner·a·bly** ***adv.***

vul·pine (vul′pīn) ***adj.*** [< L *vulpès,* a fox] of or like a fox; cunning

vul·ture (vul′chər) ***n.*** [< L, akin to *vellere,* to tear] **1** a large bird that lives chiefly on carrion **2** a greedy, ruthless person

vul·va (vul′və) ***n.***, *pl.* **-vae** (-vē) or **-vas** [L, womb] the external genital organs of the female

vy·ing (vī′iŋ) ***adj.*** that vies; competing

W

w[1] or **W** (dub′əl yo͞o′) ***n.***, *pl.* **w's, W's** the 23d letter of the English alphabet

w[2] *abbrev.* **1** waist **2** watt(s) **3** week(s) **4** weight **5** west(ern) **6** wide **7** width **8** wife **9** with **10** win(s)

W[1] *abbrev.* **1** watt(s) **2** Wednesday **3** west(ern) **4** win(s)

W[2] [*w(olfram)*, alt. name of tungsten] *Chem. symbol for* tungsten

WA Washington (state)

Wac (wak) ***n.*** a member of the Women's Army Corps (**WAC**)

wack·o (wak′ō) [Slang] ***adj.*** *var. of* WACKY —***n.***, *pl.* **-os** one who is wacko

wack·y (wak′ē) ***adj.*** **-i·er, -i·est** [< ?] [Slang] erratic, eccentric, or irrational —**wack′i·ness** ***n.***

wad (wäd) ***n.*** [ML *wadda*, wadding] **1** a small, soft mass, as of cotton or paper **2** a lump or small, firm mass —***vt.*** **wad′ded, wad′ding** **1** to compress, or roll up, into a wad **2** to plug or stuff with a wad or wadding

wad′ding ***n.*** any soft material for use in padding, packing, etc.

wad·dle (wäd′əl) ***vi.*** **-dled, -dling** [< fol.] to walk with short steps, swaying from side to side, as a duck does —***n.*** a waddling gait

wade (wād) ***vi.*** **wad′ed, wad′ing** [OE *waden*, go] **1** to walk through any resisting substance, as water, mud, etc. **2** to proceed with difficulty *[to wade through a dull book]* **3** [Inf.] to attack with vigor: with *in* or *into* —***vt.*** to cross by wading

wad′er ***n.*** **1** one that wades **2** [*pl.*] *a*) high waterproof boots *b*) waterproof overalls with bootlike parts for the feet

wa·di (wä′dē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-dis** or **-dies** [Ar *wādī*] in Arabia, N Africa, etc., a ravine or watercourse that is usually dry

wading bird any long-legged bird that wades the shallows and marshes for food

wa·fer (wā′fər) ***n.*** [< MDu *wafel*] **1** a thin, flat, crisp cracker or cookie **2** any disklike thing resembling this

waf·fle[1] (wä′fəl) ***n.*** [see prec.] a crisp batter cake baked in a waffle iron

waf·fle[2] (wä′fəl) ***vi.*** **-fled, -fling** [< echoic *waff*, to yelp] to speak or write in a wordy or vague way

waffle iron a utensil with two flat, studded plates pressed together to bake a waffle

waft (wäft, waft) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** [< Du *wachter*, watcher] to carry (sounds, odors, etc.) lightly through the air or over water or to move in this way —***n.*** **1** an odor, sound, etc. carried through the air **2** a gust of wind **3** a wafting movement

wag[1] (wag) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** **wagged, wag'ging** ⟦ME *waggen*⟧ to move rapidly back and forth, up and down, etc. —***n.*** a wagging

wag[2] (wag) ***n.*** ⟦prob. < obs. *waghalter*, joker⟧ a comical person; wit —**wag'ger·y**, *pl.* **-ies**, ***n.***

wage (wāj) ***vt.*** **waged, wag'ing** ⟦< OFr *gage*, a pledge⟧ to engage in or carry on (a war, etc.) —***n.*** **1** [*often pl.*] money paid for work done **2** [*usually pl.*] what is given in return

wa·ger (wā'jər) ***n.*** ⟦see prec.⟧ a bet —***vt.***, ***vi.*** to bet

wag·gish (wag'ish) ***adj.*** **1** of or like a wag; roguishly merry **2** playful; jesting

wag·gle (wag'əl) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** **-gled, -gling** ⟦< WAG[1]⟧ to wag, esp. with short, quick movements —***n.*** a waggling —**wag'gly** ***adj.***

Wag·ner (väg'nər), **Rich·ard** (riH'ärt) 1813-83; Ger. composer

wag·on (wag'ən) ***n.*** ⟦Du *wagen*⟧ **1** a four-wheeled vehicle, esp. one for hauling heavy loads **2** *short for* STATION WAGON —**on** (or **off**) **the wagon** [Slang] no longer (or once again) drinking alcohol

waif (wāf) ***n.*** ⟦< NormFr⟧ a homeless person, esp. a child

wail (wāl) ***vi.*** ⟦< ON *væ*, woe⟧ to make a long, loud, sad cry, as in grief or pain —***n.*** such a cry

wain (wān) ***n.*** ⟦OE *wægn*⟧ [Old Poet.] a wagon

wain·scot (wān'skät', -skət) ***n.*** ⟦< MDu *wagenschot*⟧ a wood paneling on the walls of a room, sometimes on the lower part only —***vt.*** **-scot'ed** or **-scot'ted**, **-scot'ing** or **-scot'ting** to line (a wall) with wood, etc.

wain'scot'ing or **wain'scot'ting** ***n.*** **1** WAINSCOT **2** material used to wainscot

wain·wright (wān'rīt') ***n.*** ⟦WAIN + WRIGHT⟧ one who builds or repairs wagons

waist (wāst) ***n.*** ⟦< OE *weaxan*, grow⟧ **1** the part of the body between the ribs and the hips **2** the part of a garment that covers the body from the shoulders to the waistline **3** the narrow part of any object that is wider at the ends

waist'band' ***n.*** a band encircling the waist, as on slacks or a skirt

waist·coat (wes'kət, wāst'kōt') ***n.*** [Brit.] a man's vest

waist'line' ***n.*** (the circumference of) the narrowest part of the waist

wait (wāt) ***vi.*** ⟦< NormFr *waitier*⟧ **1** to remain (until something expected happens) **2** to be ready **3** to remain undone *[it can wait]* **4** to serve food at a meal: with *at* or *on* —***vt.*** **1** to await **2** [Inf.] to delay serving (a meal) —***n.*** an act or period of waiting —**lie in wait** (**for**) to wait so as to catch after planning a trap (*for*) —**wait on** (or **upon**) **1** to act as a servant to **2** to serve (a customer) —**wait table** to serve food to people at a table —**wait up** to delay going to bed until someone arrives, etc.

wait'er ***n.*** one who waits; esp., a man who waits on tables, as in a restaurant

wait'ing ***adj.*** **1** that waits **2** of or for a wait —***n.*** the act of one that waits —**in waiting** in attendance, as on a king

waiting game a scheme by which one wins out over another by delaying action until one has an advantage

waiting list a list of applicants, in the order of their application

waiting room a room in which people wait, as in a bus station or doctor's office

wait'per'son ***n.*** a waiter or waitress

wait·ress (wā'tris) ***n.*** a woman who waits on tables, as in a restaurant

waive (wāv) ***vt.*** **waived, waiv'ing** ⟦< ON *veifa*, fluctuate⟧ **1** to give up or forgo (a right, etc.) **2** to postpone; defer

waiv·er (wā'vər) ***n.*** *Law* a waiving of a right, claim, etc.

wake[1] (wāk) ***vi.*** **woke** or **waked, waked** or **wok'en, wak'ing** ⟦< OE *wacian*, be awake & *wacan*, arise⟧ **1** to come out of sleep; awake: often with *up* **2** to stay awake **3** to become active: often with *up* **4** to become alert (*to* a realization, etc.) —***vt.*** **1** to cause to wake: often with *up* **2** to arouse (passions, etc.) —***n.*** a time set aside for viewing a corpse before burial

wake[2] (wāk) ***n.*** ⟦< ON *vök*, hole⟧ **1** the track left in water by a moving ship **2** the track or course of anything —**in the wake of** following closely

wake'ful ***adj.*** **1** alert; watchful **2** unable to sleep —**wake'ful·ness** ***n.***

wak·en (wā'kən) ***vi.***, ***vt.*** to awake

Wal·dorf salad (wôl'dôrf') ⟦after the old *Waldorf*-Astoria Hotel in New York City⟧ a salad made of diced raw apples, celery, and walnuts, with mayonnaise

wale (wāl) ***n.*** ⟦OE *walu*, weal⟧ **1** a welt raised by a whip, etc. **2** a ridge on the surface of cloth, as corduroy

Wales (wālz) division of the United Kingdom: a peninsula of WC Great Britain: 8,018 sq. mi.; pop. 2,812,000

walk (wôk) ***vi.*** ⟦OE *wealcan*, to roll⟧ **1** to go on foot at a moderate pace **2** to follow a certain course *[walk* in the ways of peace*]* **3** *Baseball* to go to first base after the pitching of four balls (see BALL[1], *n.* 6) —***vt.*** **1** to go over, along, etc. on foot **2** to cause (a dog, etc.) to walk, as for exercise **3** to accompany on a walk or stroll *[to walk* a friend home*]* **4** *Baseball* to advance (a batter) to first base by pitching four balls (see BALL[1], *n.* 6) —***n.*** **1** the act of walking **2** a stroll or hike **3** a distance walked *[*an hour's *walk]* **4** a sphere of activity, occupation, etc. *[*people from all *walks* of life*]* **5** a path for walking **6** *Baseball* the walking of a batter —**walk** (**all**) **over** [Inf.] to domineer over —**walk away** (or **off**) **with** **1** to steal **2** to win easily —**walk out** to go on strike —**walk out on** [Inf.] to desert; abandon

walk'a·way' ***n.*** an easily won victory

walk'er ***n.*** **1** one that walks **2** a tubular frame with wheels used by babies who are learning to walk **3** a framework used as a support in walking, as by the lame

walk·ie-talk·ie (wôk'ē tôk'ē) ***n.*** a compact, portable radio transmitter and

receiver

walking stick a stick for carrying when walking; cane

Walk·man (wôk′mən, -man′) *trademark for* a portable, pocket-size radio or tape player with headphones

walk′-on′ ***n.*** a minor role in which the actor has few or no lines

walk′out′ ***n.*** a labor strike

walk′-up′ ***n.*** **1** an upstairs apartment or office in a building without an elevator **2** the building

walk′way′ ***n.*** a path, passage, etc. for pedestrians, esp. one that is sheltered

wall (wôl) ***n.*** [< L *vallus*, palisade] **1** an upright structure of wood, stone, etc., serving to enclose, divide, or protect **2** something like a wall in appearance or function —***vt.*** **1** to enclose, divide, etc. with or as with a wall **2** to close up (an opening) with a wall: usually with *up* — **drive** (or **push**) **to the wall** to place in a desperate position —**off the wall** [Slang] **1** insane; crazy **2** very eccentric

wal·la·by (wä′lə bē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-bies** [< Australian native name *wolabā*] a marsupial of Australia, etc., like a small kangaroo

wall·board (wôl′bôrd′) ***n.*** fibrous material in thin slabs for making or covering walls and ceilings

wall′cov′er·ing ***n.*** decorative fabric or material, as wallpaper, for covering the walls of a room

wal·let (wô′lit) ***n.*** [ME *walet*] a flat case or folder, as of leather, for carrying money, cards, etc.

wall′eye′ ***n.*** [< ON *vagl*, a beam + *eygr*, eye] **1** an eye that turns outward, showing much white **2** a fish with large, glossy eyes, esp. a North American freshwater perch: in full **wall′eyed′ pike**

wall′flow′er ***n.*** [Inf.] a person who merely looks on at a dance, etc. as from shyness

Wal·loon (wä lo͞on′) ***n.*** [< OHG *walh*, foreigner] **1** a member of a chiefly Celtic people in S Belgium **2** the French dialect of this people

wal·lop (wä′ləp) [Inf.] ***vt.*** [< OFr *galoper*, to gallop] **1** to beat or defeat soundly **2** to strike hard —***n.*** **1** a hard blow **2** a thrill

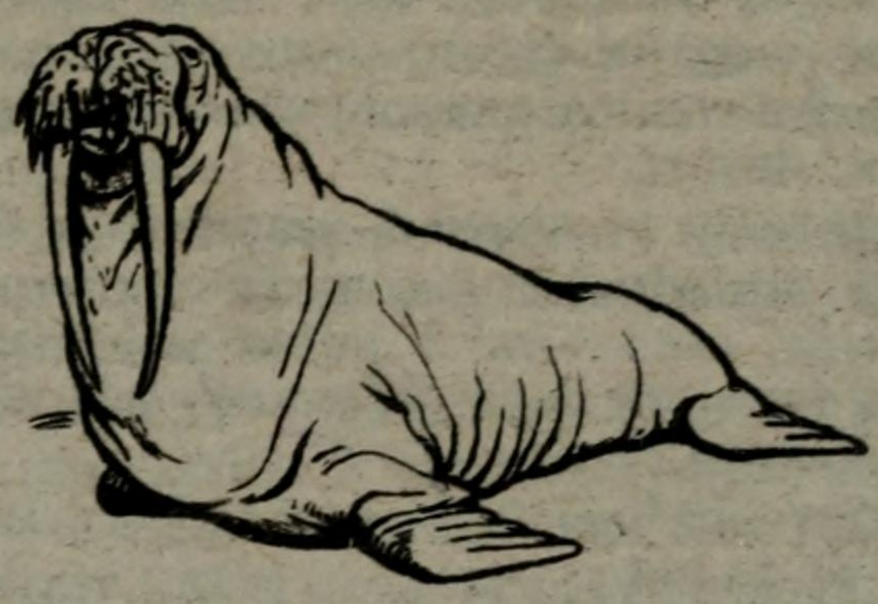
wal·low (wä′lō) ***vi.*** [OE *wealwian*, roll around] **1** to roll about, as in mud **2** to indulge oneself fully (*in* a specified thing) —***n.*** **1** a wallowing **2** a muddy or dusty place

wall′pa′per ***n.*** decorative paper for covering the walls of a room —***vt.*** to hang wallpaper on or in

Wall Street **1** street in New York City; financial center of the U.S. **2** U.S. financiers and their power, policies, etc. **3** the U.S. securities market

wall′-to-wall′ ***adj.*** **1** covering a floor completely **2** [Inf.] *a*) pervasive *b*) comprehensive

wal·nut (wôl′nut′) ***n.*** [< OE *wealh*, foreign + *hnutu*, nut] **1** a shade tree valued for its nuts and wood **2** its edible nut **3** its wood



WALRUS

wal·rus (wôl′rəs) ***n.*** [< Dan *hvalros*] a massive arctic sea mammal somewhat like a seal, having two tusks projecting from the upper jaw

waltz (wôlts) ***n.*** [< Ger *walzen*, dance about] **1** a ballroom dance for couples, in 3/4 time **2** music for this —***vi.*** **1** to dance a waltz **2** to move lightly

wam·pum (wäm′pəm) ***n.*** [< AmInd] small beads made of shells and used by North American Indians as money, for ornament, etc.

wan (wän) ***adj.*** **wan′ner, wan′nest** [OE *wann*, dark] **1** sickly pale **2** feeble or weak *[a wan smile]*

wand (wänd) ***n.*** [< ON *vǫndr*] **1** a staff symbolizing authority **2** a rod regarded as having magical powers **3** any of various rod-shaped devices, as one for reading bar codes

wan·der (wän′dər) ***vi.*** [OE *wandrian*] **1** to roam aimlessly; ramble **2** to stray (*from* a path, etc.) **3** to go astray in mind or purpose **4** to meander, as a river —***vt.*** to roam in or over — **wan′der·er** ***n.***

wan′der·lust′ ***n.*** [Ger] an urge to wander or travel

wane (wān) ***vi.*** **waned, wan′ing** [OE *wanian*, to decrease] **1** to grow gradually less in extent: said of the visible face of the moon **2** to grow dim **3** to decline in power, etc. **4** to approach the end —***n.*** a waning

wan·gle (waŋ′gəl) [Inf.] ***vt.***, ***vi.*** **-gled, -gling** [< ? WAGGLE] to get or cause (something) by persuasion, tricks, etc.

wan·na·be (wä′nə bē′) ***n.*** [Slang] one who wants to be like someone else or attain some status: also **wan′na-be′**

want (wänt, wônt) ***vt.*** [< ON *vanta*] **1** to lack **2** to wish for; desire **3** to wish to see or apprehend *[wanted* by the police*]* **4** [Chiefly Brit.] to require —***vi.*** to have a need or lack: usually with *for* —***n.*** **1** a shortage; lack **2** poverty **3** a craving **4** something needed

want ad [Inf.] an advertisement for something wanted, as a job

want′ing ***adj.*** **1** lacking **2** not up to standard —***prep.*** without or minus — **wanting in** deficient in

wan·ton (wänt′′n) ***adj.*** [< OE *wan*, lacking + *teon*, educate] **1** sexually unrestrained **2** [Old Poet.] playful **3** unprovoked or malicious **4** recklessly ignoring justice, decency, etc. —***n.*** a wanton person; esp., a sexually unrestrained woman

wap·i·ti (wä′pə tē) ***n.*** [< AmInd] a large North American deer with widely branching antlers; elk

war (wôr) ***n.*** [< NormFr *werre*] **1** open armed conflict as between nations **2** any active hostility or struggle **3** military operations as a science —***adj.*** of, in, or from war —***vi.*** **warred, war′ring** **1** to carry on war **2** to contend; strive —**at war** in a state of active armed conflict

war·ble (wôr′bəl) ***vt., vi.*** **-bled, -bling** [< NormFr *werbler*] to sing (a song, etc.) melodiously, with trills, quavers, etc., as a bird does —***n.*** a warbling

war·bler (wôr′blər) ***n.*** **1** one that warbles **2** a small, often brightly colored songbird

war crime a violation of laws or norms of humane behavior, committed during war

ward (wôrd) ***vt.*** [OE *weardian*, to guard] to turn aside; fend (*off*) —***n.*** **1** a being under guard **2** one under the care of a guardian or court **3** a division of a jail, hospital, etc. **4** a division of a city or town, for purposes of voting, etc.

-ward (wərd) [OE *-weard*] *suffix* in a (specified) direction *[inward]*: also **-wards** (wərdz)

war·den (wôrd′′n) ***n.*** [< NormFr *wardein*] **1** one who guards, or has charge of, something *[game warden]* **2** the chief official of a prison

ward′er ***n.*** a watchman

ward heeler a follower of a politician, who solicits votes, etc.: often used with mild contempt

ward·robe (wôr′drōb′) ***n.*** **1** a closet, cabinet, etc. for holding clothes **2** one's supply of clothes

ward′room′ ***n.*** in a warship, a room used for eating, etc. by commissioned officers

ware (wer) ***n.*** [OE *waru*] **1** anything for sale: *usually used in pl.* **2** pottery

ware′house′ ***n.*** a building where goods are stored —***vt.*** **-housed′, -hous′ing** to store in a warehouse

war·fare (wôr′fer′) ***n.*** (armed) conflict

war′head′ ***n.*** the front part of a torpedo, etc., containing the explosive

war′horse′ ***n.*** [Inf.] one who has been through many struggles; veteran

war·i·ly (wer′ə lē) ***adv.*** cautiously — **war′i·ness** (-ē nis) ***n.***

war′like′ ***adj.*** **1** fond of or ready for war **2** of war **3** threatening war

war·lock (wôr′läk′) ***n.*** [OE *wærloga*, liar] a man who practices black magic

war′lord′ ***n.*** **1** a high military officer in a warlike nation **2** a local ruler or bandit leader

warm (wôrm) ***adj.*** [OE *wearm*] **1** *a*) having or giving off a moderate degree of heat *b*) hot *[a warm night]* **2** that keeps body heat in *[a warm hat]* **3** ardent; enthusiastic **4** lively, vigorous, etc. **5** quick to anger **6** *a*) genial; cordial *[a warm welcome]* *b*) sympathetic or loving **7** newly made; fresh, as a trail **8** [Inf.] close to discovering something —***vt., vi.*** to make or become warm —**warm up** to practice or exercise, as before going into a game, contest, etc. —**warm′er** ***n.*** —**warm′ish** ***adj.*** —**warm′ly** ***adv.***

warm′blood′ed ***adj.*** having a body temperature that is relatively constant and usually higher than that of the surroundings

warmed′-o′ver ***adj.*** **1** reheated **2** presented again, without significant change, as ideas

warm front the forward edge of a warm air mass advancing into a colder mass

warm′heart′ed ***adj.*** kind, sympathetic, friendly, loving, etc.

war′mon′ger (-muŋ′gər, -mäŋ′-) ***n.*** one who tries to cause war —**war′mon′ger·ing** ***adj., n.***

warmth (wôrmth) ***n.*** **1** *a*) the state of having heat *b*) mild heat **2** *a*) enthusiasm, ardor, etc. *b*) affectionate feelings

warm′-up′ ***n.*** the act of warming up

warn (wôrn) ***vt., vi.*** [OE *wearnian*] **1** to tell of a danger, coming evil, etc. **2** to caution about certain acts **3** to notify in advance; inform

warn′ing ***n.*** **1** the act of one that warns **2** something that serves to warn —***adj.*** that warns

warp (wôrp) ***n.*** [OE *weorpan*, to throw] **1** *a*) a distortion, as a twist or bend, in wood *b*) any similar distortion **2** a mental quirk, bias, etc. **3** *Weaving* the threads running lengthwise in the loom —***vt.*** **1** to bend or twist out of shape **2** to distort, pervert, etc.: said of the mind, character, etc. —***vi.*** to become bent or twisted

war′path′ ***n.*** the path taken by American Indians on a warlike expedition — **on the warpath** **1** ready for war **2** actively angry; ready to fight

warp speed [< (TIME) WARP + SPEED] [Slang] in science fiction, a very high rate of speed

war·rant (wôr′ənt, wär′-) ***n.*** [< NormFr *warant*] **1** *a*) authorization, as by law *b*) justification for some act, belief, etc. **2** something serving as a guarantee of some event or result **3** *Law* a writ authorizing an arrest, search, etc. —***vt.*** **1** to authorize **2** to serve as justification for (an act, belief, etc.) **3** to guarantee

warrant officer a military officer ranking above a noncommissioned officer but below a commissioned officer

war·ran·ty (wôr′ən tē, wär′-) ***n., pl.*** **-ties** an assurance by a seller that goods will be repaired or replaced if not as represented; guarantee

war·ren (wôr′ən, wär′-) ***n.*** [< NormFr *warir*, to preserve] **1** an area in which rabbits breed or are numerous **2** any crowded building or buildings

war·rior (wôr′yər, -ē ər) ***n.*** [see WAR] a person experienced in conflict, esp. war; soldier

War·saw (wôr′sô′) capital of Poland: pop. 1,651,000

war′ship′ ***n.*** any combat ship, as a battleship

wart (wôrt) *n.* [OE *wearte*] **1** a small, usually hard, tumorous growth on the skin, caused by a virus **2** a small protuberance, as on a plant —**wart'y, -i·er, -i·est,** *adj.*

wart hog a wild African hog with large tusks, and warts below the eyes

war·y (wer'ē) ***adj.*** **-i·er, -i·est** [OE *wær*, aware] on one's guard; cautious —**wary of** careful of

was (wuz, wäz) ***vi.*** [OE *wæs*] *1st & 3d pers. sing., pt., of* BE

wash (wôsh, wäsh) ***vt.*** [OE *wæscan*] **1** to clean with water or other liquid **2** to purify **3** to wet or moisten **4** to flow over, past, or against: said of a sea, waves, etc. **5** to soak (*out*), flush (*off*), or carry (*away*) with water **6** to erode; wear (*out* or *away*) by flowing over *[*the flood *washed* out the road*]* —***vi.*** **1** to wash oneself **2** to wash clothes **3** to undergo washing **4** to be removed by washing: usually with *out* or *away* **5** to be worn or carried (*out* or *away*) by the action of water *[*the bridge had *washed* out*]* **6** [Inf.] to withstand examination *[*that excuse won't *wash]* —***n.*** **1** a washing **2** a quantity of clothes, etc. washed, or to be washed **3** the rush or surge of water **4** the eddy of water or air caused by a propeller, etc. **5** silt, mud, etc. carried and dropped by running water **6** a liquid for cosmetic or medicinal use *[mouthwash]* **7** in the W U.S., the dry bed of a stream **8** [Inf.] a situation in which contrasted elements offset each other —***adj.*** that can be washed without damage; washable —**wash down** to follow (food, etc.) with a drink —**wash'a·ble** ***adj.***, ***n.***

wash'-and-wear' ***adj.*** of fabrics that need little or no ironing after washing

wash'board' ***n.*** a ridged board for scrubbing dirt out of clothes

wash'bowl' ***n.*** a bowl, esp. a bathroom fixture, for use in washing one's hands, etc.: also **wash'ba'sin**

wash'cloth' ***n.*** a small cloth used in washing the body: also **wash'rag'**

washed'-out' ***adj.*** **1** faded **2** [Inf.] tired; spiritless; pale and wan

washed'-up' ***adj.*** **1** [Inf.] tired; exhausted **2** [Slang] finished; done for; having failed

wash'er ***n.*** **1** one who washes **2** a flat ring of metal, rubber, etc., used with a nut, faucet valve, bolt, etc. **3** a machine for washing

wash'er·wom'an ***n.***, *pl.* **-wom'en** a woman whose work is washing clothes

wash'ing ***n.*** clothes, etc. to be washed

washing machine a clothes WASHER (*n.* 3)

Wash·ing·ton[1] (wôsh'iŋ tən, wäsh'-), **George** 1732-99; 1st president of the U.S. (1789-97)

Wash'ing·ton[2] **1** NW coastal state of the U.S.: 66,582 sq. mi.; pop. 4,867,000; cap. Olympia: abbrev. *WA* **2** capital of the U.S., coextensive with the District of Columbia: pop. 607,000: also called **Washington, DC** —**Wash'ing·to'ni·an** (-tō'nē ən) ***adj.***, ***n.***

wash'out' ***n.*** **1** the washing away of soil, etc. by water **2** [Slang] a failure

wash'room' ***n.*** **1** a room for washing **2** RESTROOM

wash'stand' ***n.*** a table or plumbing fixture with a washbowl, etc.

wash'tub' ***n.*** a tub, often with faucets and a drain, for washing clothes, etc.

wash'y ***adj.*** **-i·er, -i·est** feeble; insipid

wasp (wäsp, wôsp) ***n.*** [OE *wæsp*] a winged insect with a slender body and, in the females and workers, a painful sting

WASP or **Wasp** (wäsp, wôsp) ***n.*** a white Anglo-Saxon Protestant

wasp'ish ***adj.*** bad-tempered; snappish

was·sail (wäs'əl, -āl') ***n.*** [< ON *ves heill*, be hearty] **1** a toast formerly used to drink to the health of a person **2** the spiced ale, etc. with which such toasts were drunk **3** a drinking party —***vi.***, ***vt.*** to drink a wassail (to)

wast·age (wās'tij) ***n.*** **1** loss by use, decay, etc. **2** anything wasted

waste (wāst) ***vt.*** **wast'ed, wast'ing** [< L *vastare*] **1** to devastate; ruin **2** to wear away **3** to make weak or emaciated *[wasted* by age*]* **4** to use up needlessly; squander **5** to fail to take advantage of **6** [Slang] to kill —***vi.*** **1** to lose strength, etc., as by disease **2** to be used up or worn down gradually —***adj.*** **1** uncultivated or uninhabited; desolate **2** left over or superfluous **3** excreted from the body **4** used for waste —***n.*** **1** uncultivated or uninhabited land **2** a devastated area **3** a wasting or being wasted **4** discarded material, as ashes **5** excretions from the body, as urine —**go to waste** to be wasted —**lay waste** (**to**) to destroy —**wast'er** ***n.***

waste'bas'ket ***n.*** a container for waste-paper, etc.: also **wastepaper basket**

wast·ed (wās'təd) ***adj.*** [Slang] **1** intoxicated by a drug **2** drunk

waste'ful ***adj.*** using more than is necessary —**waste'ful·ly** ***adv.*** —**waste'ful·ness** ***n.***

waste'land' ***n.*** **1** barren land **2** an unproductive activity, endeavor, etc.

waste'pa'per ***n.*** paper thrown away after use: also **waste paper**

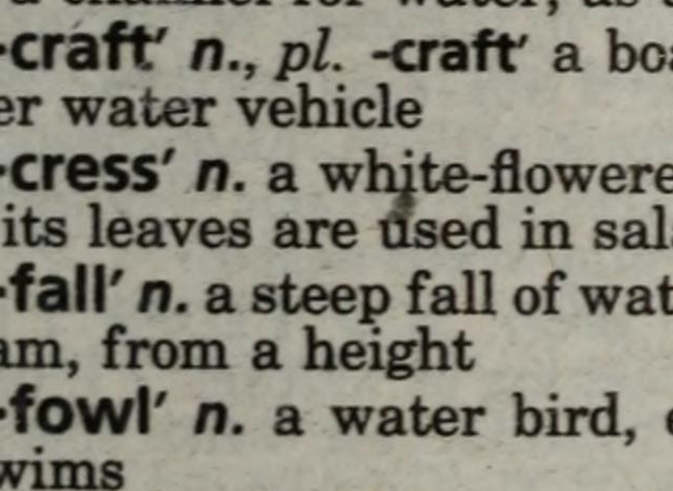
waste'wa'ter ***n.*** water discharged as sewage

wast·rel (wās'trəl) ***n.*** one who wastes; esp., a spendthrift

watch (wäch, wôch) ***n.*** [OE *wæcce*] **1** a keeping awake, esp. in order to guard **2** close observation for a time **3** a guard, or the period of duty of a guard **4** a small timepiece carried in the pocket or worn on the wrist **5** *a*) any of the periods of duty (usually four hours) on shipboard *b*) the crew on duty during such a period —***vi.*** **1** to stay awake, esp. at night; keep vigil **2** to be on the alert **3** to look or observe **4** to be looking or waiting attentively: with *for* —***vt.*** **1** to guard or tend **2** to observe carefully **3** to wait and look for —**watch oneself** to be careful —**watch out** to be alert or careful —**watch over** to protect from harm —**watch'er** ***n.***

watch'band' ***n.*** a band of leather,

metal, etc. to hold a watch on the wrist
watch'dog' *n.* **1** a dog kept to guard property **2** one that keeps watch in order to prevent waste, unethical practices, etc.
watch'ful *adj.* watching closely; vigilant; alert —**watch'ful·ly** *adv.* —**watch'ful·ness** *n.*
watch'man (-mən) *n.*, *pl.* **-men** (-mən) a person hired to guard property
watch'tow'er *n.* a high tower from which watch is kept, as for forest fires
watch'word' *n.* **1** a password **2** a slogan or cry
wa·ter (wôt'ər, wät'-) *n.* [OE *wæter*] **1** the colorless liquid of rivers, lakes, etc., which falls as rain **2** water with reference to its depth, surface, or level *[above water]* **3** a body secretion, as urine **4** a wavy, lustrous finish given to linen, silk, metal, etc. —*vt.* **1** to give (animals) water to drink **2** to supply (crops, etc.) with water **3** to moisten, soak, or dilute with water **4** to give a wavy luster to (silk, etc.) —*vi.* **1** to fill with tears: said of the eyes **2** to secrete saliva *[his mouth watered]* **3** to take on a supply of water **4** to drink water —*adj.* of, for, in, on, near, from, or by water —**hold water** to remain sound, logical, etc. —**water down** to weaken the intensity or effectiveness of
water bed a heavy vinyl bag filled with water and used as a bed or mattress: also **wa'ter·bed'** *n.*
water buffalo a slow, powerful buffalo of S Asia used as a draft animal
water chestnut **1** a Chinese sedge with a nutlike tuber **2** this tuber
water closet TOILET (*n.* 2)
wa'ter·col'or *n.* **1** a pigment mixed with water for use as a paint **2** a painting done with such paints **3** the art of painting with watercolors
wa'ter-cooled' *adj.* cooled by water circulated around or through it
wa'ter·course' *n.* **1** a stream, river, etc. **2** a channel for water, as a canal
wa'ter·craft' *n.*, *pl.* **-craft'** a boat, ship, or other water vehicle
wa'ter·cress' *n.* a white-flowered water plant: its leaves are used in salads, etc.
wa'ter·fall' *n.* a steep fall of water, as of a stream, from a height
wa'ter·fowl' *n.* a water bird, esp. one that swims
wa'ter·front' *n.* land or docks at the edge of a stream, harbor, etc.
water hole a pond or pool



WATERLILY

wa'ter·lil'y *n.*, *pl.* **-lil'ies** **1** a water plant with large, flat, floating leaves and showy flowers **2** the flower
wa'ter·line' *n.* the line to which the surface of the water comes on the side of a ship or boat
wa'ter·logged' (-lôgd') *adj.* soaked or filled with water so as to be heavy and sluggish
Wa·ter·loo[1] (wôt'ər lo͞o', wät'-) *n.* [after fol.] any disastrous or decisive defeat
Wa'ter·loo'[2] town in central Belgium: scene of Napoleon's final defeat (1815)
water main a main pipe in a system of water pipes
wa'ter·mark' *n.* **1** a mark showing the limit to which water has risen **2** a mark in paper, produced by pressure of a design, as in the mold —*vt.* to mark (paper) with a watermark
wa'ter·mel'on *n.* a large, green melon with sweet, juicy, red pulp
water moccasin a large, poisonous water snake of the SE U.S.
water pipe **1** a pipe for water **2** a smoking pipe using water, as a hookah
water polo a water game played with a ball by two teams of swimmers
water power the power of running or falling water, used to drive machinery, etc.: also **wa'ter·pow'er** *n.*
wa'ter·proof' *adj.* that keeps out water, as by being treated with rubber, etc. —*vt.* to make waterproof
water rat any of various rodents living on the banks of streams and ponds
wa'ter-re·pel'lent *adj.* that repels water but is not fully waterproof
wa'ter·shed' *n.* **1** a ridge dividing the areas drained by different river systems **2** the area drained by a river system
wa'ter·side' *n.* land at the edge of a body of water —*adj.* of, at, or on the waterside
wa'ter-ski' *vi.* **-skied'**, **-ski'ing** to be towed on skilike boards (**water skis**) by a line attached to a speedboat —**wa'ter-ski'er** *n.*
wa'ter·spout' *n.* **1** a pipe for spouting water **2** a whirling funnel-shaped column of air full of spray occurring over water in tropical areas
water table the level below which the ground is saturated with water
wa'ter·tight' *adj.* **1** so snugly put together that no water can get in or through **2** that cannot be misconstrued, nullified, etc.; flawless
water tower an elevated tank for water storage
wa'ter·way' *n.* **1** a channel through which water runs **2** any body of water suitable for boats, ships, etc., as a canal or river
water wheel a wheel turned by running water, as for power
water wings an inflated device to keep one afloat as while learning to swim
wa'ter·works' *pl.n.* [*often with sing. v.*] a system of reservoirs, pumps, etc. supplying water to a city
wa'ter·y *adj.* **1** of or like water **2** full

of water **3** thin; diluted **4** tearful **5** weak —**wa'ter·i·ness** *n.*

WATS (wäts) *n.* [*w*(*ide*) *a*(*rea*) *t*(*elecommunications*) *s*(*ervice*)] a long-distance telephone service using a network at special rates

watt (wät) *n.* [after James *Watt* (1736-1819), Scot inventor of steam engine] a unit of electrical power, equal to the power developed in a circuit by a current of one ampere flowing through a potential difference of one volt; $\frac{1}{746}$ horsepower

watt'age *n.* amount of electrical power, expressed in watts

wat·tle (wät''l) *n.* [OE *watul*] **1** a woven work of sticks intertwined with twigs or branches **2** a fleshy flap of skin hanging from the throat of certain birds or lizards —*vt.* **-tled, -tling** **1** to intertwine (sticks, twigs, etc.) **2** to build of or with wattle

wave (wāv) *vi.* **waved, wav'ing** [OE *wafian*] **1** to move or sway to and fro **2** to signal by moving a hand, arm, etc. to and fro **3** to have the form of a series of curves —*vt.* **1** to cause to wave **2** to brandish (a weapon) **3** *a*) to move or swing (something) as a signal *b*) to signal (something) to (someone) by doing this **4** to give an undulating form to (hair, etc.) —*n.* **1** a ridge or swell moving along the surface of the ocean, etc. **2** an undulation or curve, as in the hair **3** a motion to and fro, as with the hand in signaling **4** a thing like a wave in action or effect; specif., an upsurge *[a crime wave]* **5** *Physics* a periodic motion or disturbance, as in the propagation of sound or light

Wave (wāv) *n.* [< *W*(*omen*) *A*(*ppointed for*) *V*(*oluntary*) *E*(*mergency*) *S*(*ervice*)] a member of the women's branch of the U.S. Navy (**WAVES**)

wave'length' *n.* **1** *Physics* the distance measured along a wave from any given point to the next similar point **2** [Inf.] chiefly in the phrase **on the same wavelength**, in accord

wave'let (-lit) *n.* a little wave

wa·ver (wā'vər) *vi.* [< ME *waven*, to wave] **1** to sway to and fro **2** to show indecision; vacillate **3** to falter, flicker, tremble, etc. —*n.* a wavering

wav·y (wā'vē) *adj.* **-i·er, -i·est** **1** having or like waves **2** moving in a wavelike motion —**wav'i·ness** *n.*

wax[1] (waks) *n.* [OE *weax*] **1** a plastic, dull-yellow substance secreted by bees; beeswax **2** any plastic substance like this; specif., *a*) paraffin *b*) a substance exuded by the ears —*vt.* to rub, polish, cover, or treat with wax

wax[2] (waks) *vi.* **waxed, wax'ing** [OE *weaxan*, grow] **1** to increase in strength, size, etc. **2** to become gradually full: said of the moon **3** [Literary] to become; grow *[to wax angry]*

wax bean a variety of the common garden bean with long, edible, yellow pods

wax·en (wak'sən) *adj.* **1** made of wax **2** pale

wax museum an exhibition of wax figures, as of famous persons

wax myrtle an evergreen shrub with grayish-white, wax-coated berries

wax paper a paper made moisture-proof by a wax coating: also **waxed paper**

wax'wing' *n.* a fruit-eating bird with brown or gray silky plumage and scarlet waxlike tips on the wings

wax'works' *n.* an exhibition of wax figures

wax'y *adj.* **-i·er, -i·est** of, full of, or like wax —**wax'i·ness** *n.*

way (wā) *n.* [ME < OE *weg*] **1** a road, street, path, etc. **2** space for passing **3** a route or course **4** course of life or conduct *[avoid evil ways]* **5** a method of doing something **6** a manner of living, acting, etc. *[the way of the world]* **7** distance *[a long way off]* **8** direction of movement or action **9** movement forward **10** respect; specific point *[right in some ways]* **11** wish; will *[get one's own way]* **12** [Inf.] *a*) a condition *[he's in a bad way] b*) a locality *[out our way]* **13** [*pl.*] a timber framework on which a ship is built —*adv.* [Inf.] away; far *[way behind]* —**by the way** incidentally —**by way of** **1** passing through **2** as a method, etc. of —**give way** **1** to yield **2** to break down —**lead the way** to be a guide or example —**make way** **1** to clear a passage **2** to make progress —**under way** moving; advancing

way'far'er (-fer'ər) *n.* a traveler, esp. on foot —**way'far'ing** *adj., n.*

way·lay (wā'lā') *vt.* **-laid', -lay'ing** **1** to lie in wait for and attack **2** to wait for and accost (a person) on the way

way'-out' *adj.* [Inf.] very unusual or unconventional

-ways (wāz) [ME < *way* (see WAY)] *suffix* in a (specified) direction, position, or manner *[sideways]*

ways and means methods of raising money; specif., such methods, including legislation, in government

way'side' *n.* the edge of a road

way'ward *adj.* [see AWAY & -WARD] **1** headstrong, willful, disobedient, etc. **2** unpredictable; erratic —**way'ward·ly** *adv.* —**way'ward·ness** *n.*

we (wē) *pron., sing.* **I** [OE] **1** the persons speaking or writing **2** I: used by a monarch, editor, etc. when speaking for others

weak (wēk) *adj.* [< ON *veikr*] **1** lacking physical strength; feeble **2** lacking moral strength or willpower **3** lacking mental power **4** lacking power, authority, force, etc. **5** easily torn, broken, etc. *[a weak railing]* **6** lacking intensity, etc. *[a weak voice]* **7** diluted *[weak tea]* **8** unconvincing *[a weak argument]*

weak'en *vt., vi.* to make or become weak or weaker

weak'-kneed' (-nēd') *adj.* lacking in courage, determination, resistance, etc.

weak'ling *n.* one that is low in physical or moral strength

weak'ly *adj.* **-li·er, -li·est** sickly; feeble —*adv.* in a weak manner

weak'ness *n.* **1** state of being weak **2** a weak point **3** an immoderate fond-

ness (*for* something)

weal[1] (wēl) ***n.*** [< WALE] a mark raised on the skin, as by a blow; welt

weal[2] (wēl) ***n.*** [< OE *wela*, wealth, well-being] well-being; welfare *[the public weal]*

wealth (welth) ***n.*** [< prec.] **1** much money or property; riches **2** a large amount *[a wealth of ideas]* **3** valuable products, contents, etc. **4** everything having value in money

wealth·y (wel′thē) ***adj.*** **-i·er, -i·est** having wealth; rich —**wealth′i·ness** ***n.***

wean (wēn) ***vt.*** [OE *wenian*, to accustom, train] **1** to accustom (a child or young animal) to take food other than by suckling **2** to withdraw (a person) by degrees (*from* a habit, etc.)

weap·on (wep′ən) ***n.*** [OE *wæpen*] **1** any instrument used to injure or kill **2** any means of attack or defense —**weap′on·less** ***adj.***

weap′on·ry ***n.*** weapons collectively

wear (wer) ***vt.*** **wore, worn, wear′ing** [OE *werian*] **1** to have (clothing, etc.) on the body **2** to show in one's appearance *[to wear a smile]* **3** to impair or diminish by use, friction, etc.: often with *away* **4** to make by rubbing, flowing, etc. *[to wear a hole in the rug]* **5** to tire or exhaust —***vi.*** **1** to become impaired or diminished, as by use **2** to hold up in use *[that suit wears well]* **3** to have an irritating effect (*on*) —***n.*** **1** a wearing or being worn **2** things worn; clothes *[women's wear]* **3** impairment or loss, as from use, friction, etc. —**wear off** to diminish by degrees —**wear′a·ble** ***adj.*** —**wear′er** ***n.***

wear and tear loss and damage resulting from use

wea·ri·some (wir′i səm) ***adj.*** causing weariness; tiresome or tedious —**wea′ri·some·ly** ***adv.***

wea·ry (wir′ē) ***adj.*** **-ri·er, -ri·est** [OE *werig*] **1** tired; worn out **2** without further patience, zeal, etc. **3** tiring —***vt.***, ***vi.*** **-ried, -ry·ing** to make or become weary —**wea′ri·ly** ***adv.*** —**wea′ri·ness** ***n.***

wea·sel (wē′zəl) ***n.*** [OE *wesle*] **1** an agile flesh-eating mammal with a long, slender body and short legs **2** a sly, cunning person —***vi.*** [Inf.] to avoid a commitment: with *out* —**wea′sel·ly** ***adj.***

weath·er (we*th*′ər) ***n.*** [OE *weder*] **1** the condition of the atmosphere with regard to temperature, moisture, etc. **2** storm, rain, etc. —***vt.*** **1** to expose to the action of weather **2** to pass through safely *[to weather a storm]* **3** *Naut.* to pass to the windward of —***vi.*** to become worn, etc. by exposure to the weather —**under the weather** [Inf.] ill

weath′er-beat′en ***adj.*** showing the effect of exposure to sun, rain, etc.

weath′er·cock′ ***n.*** a weather vane in the shape of a rooster

weath′er·ing ***n.*** the effects of the forces of weather on rock surfaces

weath′er·ize′ ***vt.*** **-ized′, -iz′ing** to weatherstrip, insulate, etc. (a building) —**weath′er·i·za′tion** ***n.***

weath′er·man′ (-man′) ***n.***, *pl.* **-men′** (-men′) one whose work is forecasting the weather, or, esp., reporting it, as on TV

weath′er·proof′ ***adj.*** that can be exposed to wind, snow, etc. without being damaged —***vt.*** to make weatherproof

weath′er·strip′ ***n.*** a thin strip of metal, felt, etc. covering the joint between a door or window and the casing, to keep out drafts, etc.: also **weath′er·strip′ping** —***vt.*** **-stripped′**, **weath′er·strip′ping** to provide with weatherstrips

weather vane a vane for showing which way the wind is blowing

weave (wēv) ***vt.*** **wove** or, chiefly for *vt.* 5 & *vi.* 2, **weaved**, **wo′ven** or **wove** or, chiefly for *vt.* 5 & *vi.* 2, **weaved**, **weav′ing** [OE *wefan*] **1** to make (a fabric, basket, etc.) by interlacing (threads, straw, etc.), as on a loom **2** to construct in the mind **3** to twist (something) into or through **4** to spin (a web), as spiders do **5** to make (one's way) by moving from side to side or in and out —***vi.*** **1** to do weaving **2** to move from side to side or in and out —***n.*** a method or pattern of weaving —**weav′er** ***n.***

web (web) ***n.*** [OE *webb*] **1** any woven fabric **2** the network spun by a spider, etc. **3** a carefully woven trap **4** a network **5** a membrane joining the digits of various water birds, etc. **6** [*usually* **W-**] *Comput.* WORLD WIDE WEB: usually with *the* —***vt.*** **webbed, web′bing** to join by, or cover as with, a web

web′bing ***n.*** a strong fabric woven in strips and used for belts, etc.

web′foot′ ***n.***, *pl.* **-feet′** a foot with the toes webbed —**web′-foot′ed** ***adj.***

Web page a single file on the World Wide Web, providing text, pictures, etc.

web′site′ ***n.*** [*occas.* **W-**] a location on the World Wide Web, consisting of one or more Web pages: also **web** (or **Web**) **site**

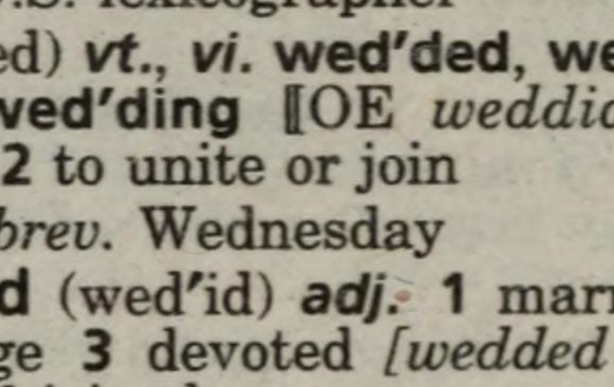
Web·ster (web′stər), **No·ah** (nō′ə) 1758-1843; U.S. lexicographer

wed (wed) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** **wed′ded, wed′ded** or **wed, wed′ding** [OE *weddian*] **1** to marry **2** to unite or join

Wed *abbrev.* Wednesday

wed·ded (wed′id) ***adj.*** **1** married **2** of marriage **3** devoted *[wedded to one's work]* **4** joined

wed′ding ***n.*** **1** the marriage ceremony **2** a marriage anniversary **3** a joining together



WEDGE

wedge (wej) ***n.*** [OE *wecg*] **1** a piece of wood, metal, etc. tapering to a thin edge: used to split wood, lift a weight,

etc. **2** anything shaped like a wedge **3** any act serving to open the way for change, etc. —***vt.*** **wedged**, **wedg'ing** **1** to force apart, or fix in place, with a wedge **2** to crowd together or pack (*in*) —***vi.*** to push or be forced as or like a wedge

wedg'ie (-ē) ***n.*** a shoe having a wedge-shaped piece under the heel, which forms a solid, flat sole

wed'lock' ***n.*** [[OE *wedlac*]] the state of being married

Wednes·day (wenz'dā) ***n.*** [[< *Woden*, Germanic god]] the fourth day of the week

wee (wē) ***adj.*** **we'er**, **we'est** [[OE *wege*]] **1** very small; tiny **2** very early *[wee* hours of the morning*]*

weed (wēd) ***n.*** [[OE *weod*]] any undesired, uncultivated plant, esp. one that crowds out desired plants —***vt.***, ***vi.*** **1** to remove weeds from (a garden, etc.) **2** to remove as useless, harmful, etc.: often with *out* —**weed'er** ***n.*** —**weed'less** ***adj.***

weeds (wēdz) ***pl.n.*** [[< OE *wæde*, garment]] black mourning clothes, esp. those worn by a widow

weed'y ***adj.*** **-i·er**, **-i·est** **1** full of weeds **2** of or like a weed

week (wēk) ***n.*** [[OE *wicu*]] **1** a period of seven days, esp. one from Sunday through Saturday **2** the hours or days of work in this period

week'day' ***n.*** any day of the week except Sunday and, often, Saturday

week'end' or **week'-end'** ***n.*** the period from Friday night or Saturday to Monday morning: also **week end** —***vi.*** to spend the weekend

week'ly ***adj.*** **1** done, happening, etc. once every week **2** of a week, or of each week —***adv.*** once a week; every week —***n.***, *pl.* **-lies** a periodical published once a week

ween (wēn) ***vi.***, ***vt.*** [[OE *wenan*]] [Archaic] to think

weep (wēp) ***vi.***, ***vt.*** **wept**, **weep'ing** [[OE *wepan*]] **1** to shed (tears) **2** to mourn (*for*) **3** to drip or exude (water, etc.) —**weep'er** ***n.***

weep'ing ***n.*** the act of one who weeps —***adj.*** **1** that weeps **2** having graceful, drooping branches

weeping willow an ornamental willow tree with drooping branches

weep'y ***adj.*** **-i·er**, **-i·est** (inclined to) weeping

wee·vil (wē'vəl) ***n.*** [[OE *wifel*]] a beetle whose larvae feed on grain, cotton, etc.

weft (weft) ***n.*** [[< OE *wefan*, to weave]] *Weaving* the yarns carried back and forth across the warp

weigh (wā) ***vt.*** [[OE *wegan*, carry]] **1** to determine the weight of **2** to have (a specified) weight **3** to consider and choose carefully *[weigh* one's words*]* —***vi.*** **1** to have significance, importance, etc. **2** to be a burden —**weigh anchor** to hoist a ship's anchor —**weigh down** to burden or bear down on

weight (wāt) ***n.*** [[OE *wiht*]] **1** a quantity weighing a definite amount **2** *a*) heaviness *b*) *Physics* the force of gravity acting on a body **3** amount of heaviness **4** *a*) any unit of heaviness *b*) any system of such units *c*) a piece having a specific amount of heaviness, placed on a balance or scale in weighing **5** any mass of material used for its heaviness *[*a *paperweight]* **6** a burden, as of sorrow **7** importance or consequence **8** influence; power —***vt.*** **1** to add weight to **2** to burden

weight'less ***adj.*** having little or no apparent weight: said as of an astronaut floating freely in an orbiting space vehicle —**weight'less·ness** ***n.***

weight lifting the athletic exercise or sport of lifting barbells —**weight lift'er**

weight'y ***adj.*** **-i·er**, **-i·est** **1** very heavy **2** burdensome **3** significant; important —**weight'i·ness** ***n.***

weir (wir) ***n.*** [[OE *wer*]] **1** a low dam built to back up water, as for a mill **2** a fence, as of brushwood, in a stream, etc., for catching fish

weird (wird) ***adj.*** [[< OE *wyrd*, fate]] **1** of or about ghosts, etc.; mysterious, eerie, etc. **2** strange; bizarre —**weird'ly** ***adv.*** —**weird'ness** ***n.***

weird·o (wir'dō) ***n.***, *pl.* **-os** [Slang] one that is weird, bizarre, etc.: also **weird'ie** (-dē)

wel·come (wel'kəm) ***adj.*** [[OE *wilcuma*, welcome guest]] **1** gladly received *[*a *welcome* guest*]* **2** freely permitted *[*he is *welcome* to use my car*]* —***n.*** a welcoming —***vt.*** **-comed**, **-com·ing** to greet or receive with pleasure, etc. —**you're welcome** you're under no obligation

weld (weld) ***vt.*** [[< obs. *well*]] **1** to unite (pieces of metal, etc.) by heating until fused or until soft enough to hammer together **2** to unite closely —***vi.*** to be welded —***n.*** **1** a welding **2** a joint formed by welding —**weld'a·ble** ***adj.*** —**weld'er** ***n.***

wel·fare (wel'fer') ***n.*** [[ME: see WELL[2] & FARE]] **1** a condition of health, happiness, prosperity, etc.; well-being **2** *a*) the organized efforts of government agencies granting aid to the poor, the unemployed, etc. *b*) such aid —**on welfare** receiving government aid because of poverty, etc.

wel·kin (wel'kin) ***n.*** [[< OE *wolcen*, a cloud]] [Archaic] the vault of the sky

well[1] (wel) ***n.*** [[OE *wella*]] **1** a natural spring and pool **2** a hole sunk into the earth to get water, oil, etc. **3** a source of abundant supply **4** a shaft, etc. resembling a well **5** a container for a liquid, as an inkwell —***vi.***, ***vt.*** to flow or gush from or as from a well

well[2] (wel) ***adv.*** **bet'ter**, **best** [[OE *wel*]] **1** in a satisfactory, proper, or excellent manner *[*treat her *well*; you sing *well]* **2** prosperously *[*to live *well]* **3** with good reason *[*one may *well* ask*]* **4** to a considerable degree *[well* advanced*]* **5** thoroughly *[*stir it *well]* **6** with certainty; definitely **7** familiarly *[*I know her *well]* —***adj.*** **1** suitable, proper, etc. **2** in good health **3** favorable; comfortable —***interj.*** used variously to express surprise, agreement, etc. —**as well** **1** in addition **2** equally —**as well as** in addition to

well-ad·vised (wel′əd vīzd′) ***adj.*** showing or resulting from careful consideration or sound advice; prudent

well′-ap·point′ed ***adj.*** excellently furnished

well′-bal′anced ***adj.*** **1** precisely adjusted or regulated **2** sane, sensible, etc.

well′-be·haved′ ***adj.*** displaying good manners

well′-be′ing ***n.*** the state of being well, happy, or prosperous; welfare

well′-born′ ***adj.*** born into a family of high social position

well′-bred′ ***adj.*** showing good breeding; courteous and considerate

well′-dis·posed′ ***adj.*** friendly (*toward* a person) or receptive (*to* an idea, etc.)

well′-done′ ***adj.*** **1** performed with skill **2** thoroughly cooked: said esp. of meat

well′-fed′ ***adj.*** plump or fat

well′-fixed′ ***adj.*** [Inf.] wealthy

well′-found′ed ***adj.*** based on facts, good evidence, or sound judgment

well′-groomed′ ***adj.*** clean and neat

well′-ground′ed ***adj.*** having a thorough basic knowledge of a subject

well′head′ ***n.*** **1** a source; fountainhead **2** the top of a well, as an oil or gas well

well′-heeled′ ***adj.*** [Slang] rich; prosperous

well′-in·formed′ ***adj.*** having considerable knowledge of a subject or of many subjects

Wel·ling·ton (wel′iŋ tən) capital of New Zealand: pop. 149,000

well′-in·ten′tioned ***adj.*** having or showing good or kindly intentions

well′-knit′ ***adj.*** sturdy in body build

well′-known′ ***adj.*** **1** widely known; famous **2** thoroughly known

well′-made′ ***adj.*** skillfully and soundly put together

well′-man′nered ***adj.*** polite; courteous

well′-mean′ing ***adj.*** **1** having good intentions **2** said or done with good intentions, but often not wisely or effectually: also **well′-meant′**

well′-nigh′ ***adv.*** very nearly; almost

well′-off′ ***adj.*** **1** in a fortunate condition **2** prosperous

well′-pre·served′ ***adj.*** in good condition or looking good, in spite of age

well′-read′ (-red′) ***adj.*** having read much

well′-round′ed ***adj.*** **1** well-planned for proper balance **2** showing diverse talents **3** shapely

well′-spo′ken ***adj.*** **1** speaking easily, graciously, etc. **2** properly or aptly spoken

well′spring′ ***n.*** **1** the source of a stream, etc. **2** a source of abundant supply

well′-tak′en ***adj.*** apt and sound or cogent

well′-thought′-of′ ***adj.*** having a good reputation

well′-timed′ ***adj.*** timely; opportune

well′-to-do′ ***adj.*** prosperous; wealthy

well′-turned′ ***adj.*** **1** gracefully shaped **2** expressed or worded well *[a well-turned* phrase*]*

well′-wish′er ***n.*** one who wishes well to another or to a cause, etc.

well′-worn′ ***adj.*** much worn or used

welsh (welsh) ***vi.*** [Slang] to fail to pay a debt, fulfill an obligation, etc.: often with *on* —**welsh′er** ***n.***

Welsh (welsh) ***n.*** ⟦OE *Wealh*, foreigner⟧ the Celtic language of Wales —***adj.*** of Wales or its people, language, etc. —**the Welsh** the people of Wales —**Welsh′man** (-mən), *pl.* **-men**, ***n.***

Welsh rabbit a dish of melted cheese served on crackers or toast: also **Welsh rarebit**

welt (welt) ***n.*** ⟦ME *welte*⟧ **1** a strip of leather in the seam between the sole and upper of a shoe **2** a ridge raised on the skin as by a blow

wel·ter (wel′tər) ***vi.*** ⟦< MDu *welteren*⟧ to roll about or wallow —***n.*** a confusion; turmoil

wel·ter·weight (wel′tər wāt′) ***n.*** ⟦prob. < *welt*, to beat⟧ a boxer with a maximum weight of 147 pounds

wen (wen) ***n.*** ⟦OE *wenn*⟧ a benign skin tumor

wench (wench) ***n.*** ⟦OE *wencel*, child⟧ a young woman: derogatory or jocular term

wend (wend) ***vt.*** **wend′ed**, **wend′ing** ⟦OE *wendan*, to turn⟧ to go on (one's way)

went (went) ***vi.***, ***vt.*** *pt. of* GO

wept (wept) ***vi.***, ***vt.*** *pt. & pp. of* WEEP

were (wʉr) ***vi.*** ⟦OE *wæron*⟧ *pl. & 2d pers. sing., past indic., and the past subjunctive, of* BE

we're (wir) *contr.* we are

were·wolf (wer′woolf′, wir′-) ***n.***, *pl.* **-wolves′** ⟦OE *wer*, man + *wulf*, wolf⟧ *Folklore* a person changed into a wolf: also sp. **wer′wolf′**, *pl.* **-wolves′**

Wes·ley (wes′lē, wez′-), **John** 1703-91; Eng. clergyman; founder of Methodism —**Wes′ley·an** ***adj.***, ***n.***

west (west) ***n.*** ⟦OE⟧ **1** the direction in which sunset occurs (270° on the compass) **2** a region in or toward this direction —***adj.*** **1** in, of, toward, or facing the west **2** from the west *[a west* wind*]* —***adv.*** in or toward the west —**the West** **1** the western part of the U.S. **2** Europe and the Western Hemisphere

West Berlin *see* BERLIN

west′er·ly ***adj.***, ***adv.*** **1** toward the west **2** from the west

west′ern ***adj.*** ⟦OE *westerne*⟧ **1** in, of, or toward the west **2** from the west **3** [**W-**] of the West —***n.*** a movie, book, etc. about life in the western U.S., esp. during the frontier period

west′ern·er ***n.*** a person born or living in the west

Western Hemisphere that half of the earth which includes North & South America

west′ern·ize′ ***vt.*** **-ized′**, **-iz′ing** to make Western in habits, ideas, etc.

Western Samoa *former name for* SAMOA

West Germany *see* GERMANY

West In·dies (in′dēz′) large group of islands in the Atlantic between North America & South America —**West Indian**

West Point military reservation in SE New York: site of the U.S. Military Academy

West Virginia state of the E U.S.: 24,232 sq. mi.; pop. 1,793,000; cap. Charleston: abbrev. *WV* —**West Virginian**

west′ward ***adv.***, ***adj.*** toward the west: also **west′wards** ***adv.***

wet (wet) ***adj.*** **wet′ter, wet′test** ‖OE *wæt*‖ **1** covered or saturated with water or other liquid **2** rainy; misty **3** not yet dry *[wet* paint*]* —***n.*** **1** water or other liquid; moisture **2** rain or rainy weather —***vt.***, ***vi.*** **wet** or **wet′ted, wet′ting** to make or become wet —**all wet** [Slang] wrong

wet′back′ ***n.*** [Inf.] a Mexican who illegally enters the U.S. to work: term of derision or contempt

wet blanket a person or thing whose presence or influence lessens the enthusiasm of others

wet′land′ ***n.*** [*usually pl.*] **1** swamps or marshes **2** an area of swamps, etc. preserved for wildlife

wet nurse a woman hired to suckle another's child —**wet′-nurse′, -nursed′, -nurs′ing,** ***vt.***

wet suit a closefitting suit of rubber worn by skin divers for warmth: also **wet′suit′** ***n.***

whack (hwak) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** ‖echoic‖ to strike or slap with a sharp, resounding blow —***n.*** **1** a sharp, resounding blow **2** the sound of this —**have** (or **take**) **a whack at** [Inf.] **1** to aim a blow at **2** to make an attempt at —**out of whack** [Inf.] not in proper working condition —**whack′er** ***n.***

whale[1] (hwāl) ***n.*** ‖OE *hwæl*‖ a large, warmblooded sea mammal that breathes air —***vi.*** **whaled, whal′ing** to hunt whales —**a whale of a** [Inf.] an exceptionally large, fine, etc. example of a (class or group)

whale[2] (hwāl) ***vt.*** **whaled, whal′ing** ‖prob. < WALE‖ [Inf.] to beat, whip, etc.

whale′bone′ ***n.*** BALEEN

whal′er ***n.*** **1** a whaling ship **2** one whose work is whaling

wham (hwam) ***interj.*** used to suggest the sound of a heavy blow, explosion, etc. —***n.*** a heavy blow, etc. —***vt.***, ***vi.*** **whammed, wham′ming** to strike, explode, etc. loudly

wham′my ***n.***, *pl.* **-mies** [Slang] a jinx

wharf (hwôrf) ***n.***, *pl.* **wharves** or **wharfs** ‖OE *hwerf*, a dam‖ a structure on a shore, at which ships are loaded or unloaded; dock

what (hwut, hwät) ***pron.*** ‖OE *hwæt*, neuter of *wha*, who‖ **1** which thing, event, etc. *[what* is that object?*]* **2** that or those which *[*to know *what* one wants*]* —***adj.*** **1** which or which kind of: used interrogatively or relatively **2** as much, or as many, as *[*take *what* men you need*]* **3** how great, surprising, etc. *[what* nonsense!*]* —***adv.*** **1** in what way? how? *[what* does it matter?*]* **2** how greatly, etc. *[what* tragic news!*]* —***interj.*** used to express surprise, anger, etc. —**what about** what do you think, feel, etc. concerning? —**what for?** why? —**what with** because of *[what with* the bad weather, we'll be late*]*

what·ev′er ***pron.*** what: an emphatic variant; specif., *a*) which thing, event, etc.? *b*) anything that *[*say *whatever* you like*]* *c*) no matter what *[whatever* you do, don't hurry*]* —***adj.*** **1** of any kind *[*I have no plans *whatever]* **2** being who it may be *[whatever* man said that, it is not true*]*

what′not′ ***n.*** a set of open shelves, as for bric-a-brac

what's (hwuts) *contr.* **1** what is **2** what has **3** [Inf.] what does *[what's* he want?*]*

what·so·ev·er (hwut′sō ev′ər) ***pron.***, ***adj.*** whatever: an emphatic form

wheal[1] (hwēl) ***n.*** ‖ME *whele*‖ a small, itching elevation of the skin, as from an insect bite

wheal[2] (hwēl) ***n.*** WEAL[1]

wheat (hwēt) ***n.*** ‖OE *hwæte*‖ a cereal grass having spikes containing grains used in making flour, cereals, etc.

wheat germ the highly nutritious embryo of the wheat kernel, milled out as a flake

whee·dle (hwēd′l) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** **-dled, -dling** ‖< ?‖ to influence or persuade (a person), or get (something), by flattery, coaxing, etc.

wheel (hwēl) ***n.*** ‖OE *hweol*‖ **1** a circular disk or frame turning on a central axis **2** anything like a wheel in shape, movement, etc. **3** the steering wheel of a motor vehicle **4** [*pl.*] [Slang] an automobile **5** [*usually pl.*] the moving forces *[*the *wheels* of progress*]* **6** a turning movement **7** [Slang] an important person —***vt.***, ***vi.*** **1** to move on or in (a wheeled vehicle) **2** to turn, revolve, etc. **3** to turn so as to change direction —**at** (or **behind**) **the wheel** steering a motor vehicle, ship, etc.

wheel′bar′row ***n.*** a kind of cart for carrying small loads, having a wheel in front and two shafts with handles in back for raising the vehicle off its two back legs and moving it

wheel′base′ ***n.*** the length of a motor vehicle between the centers of the front and rear wheels

wheel′chair′ ***n.*** a chair mounted on large wheels, for persons unable to walk

wheeled (hwēld) ***adj.*** having wheels

wheel·er-deal·er (hwēl′ər dēl′ər) ***n.*** [Slang] one who is aggressive in a showy way, as in arranging business deals

wheel′house′ ***n.*** PILOTHOUSE

wheel′wright′ ***n.*** one who makes and repairs wheels and wheeled vehicles

wheeze (hwēz) ***vi.*** **wheezed, wheez′ing** ‖< ON *hvæsa*, to hiss‖ to breathe hard with a whistling, breathy sound, as in asthma —***n.*** a wheezing —**wheez′y, -i·er, -i·est,** ***adj.***



WHELK

whelk (hwelk) ***n.*** [[OE *wioluc*]] a kind of large marine snail

whelm (hwelm) ***vt.*** [[ME *welmen*]] **1** to submerge **2** to overpower or crush

whelp (hwelp) ***n.*** [[OE *hwelp*]] a young dog, etc. —***vt.***, ***vi.*** to give birth to (young): said of some animals

when (hwen) ***adv.*** [[OE *hwænne*]] **1** at what time? *[when* did they leave?*]* **2** on what occasion? —***conj.*** **1** at what time *[*tell me *when* to go*]* **2** at the time that *[when* we were young*]* **3** at which *[*a time *when* people must work*]* **4** as soon as *[*we will eat *when* he comes*]* **5** although **6** if —***pron.*** what or which time —***n.*** the time (*of* an event)

whence (hwens) ***adv.*** [[ME *whennes*]] from what place, cause, etc.? *[whence* do you come?*]*

when·ev'er ***adv.*** [Inf.] when: an emphatic form —***conj.*** at whatever time *[*go *whenever* you can*]*

where (hwer) ***adv.*** [[OE *hwær*]] **1** in or at what place? *[where* is it?*]* **2** to or toward what place? *[where* did he go?*]* **3** in what respect? *[where* is he to blame?*]* **4** from what place or source? *[where* did he learn it?*]* —***conj.*** **1** at what place *[*I see *where* it is*]* **2** at which place *[*I went home, *where* I ate dinner*]* **3** wherever **4** to the place to which *[*we go *where* you go*]* —***pron.*** **1** the place at which *[*it's a mile to *where* I live*]* **2** what place *[where* are you from?*]* —***n.*** the place (*of* an event)

where'a·bouts' (-ə bouts') ***adv.*** near or at what place? —***n.*** [*now usually with pl. v.*] the place where one is

where·as' ***conj.*** **1** in view of the fact that **2** while on the contrary *[*I'm slim, *whereas* he is fat*]*

where·at' ***conj.*** [Archaic] at which point

where·by' ***conj.*** by which

where'fore' (-fôr') ***adv.*** [Archaic] for what reason? why? —***conj.*** [Archaic] **1** for which **2** because of which —***n.*** the reason; cause

where·in' ***conj.*** in which

where·of' ***adv.***, ***conj.*** of what, which, or whom *[*the things *whereof* he spoke*]*

where·on' ***conj.*** [Archaic] on which

where'up·on' ***conj.*** at which

wher·ev·er (hwer ev'ər) ***adv.*** [Inf.] where: an emphatic form —***conj.*** in, at, or to whatever place or situation *[*go *wherever* you like*]*

where·with' ***conj.*** [Archaic] with which

where'with·al' (-with ôl') ***n.*** the necessary means, esp. money: usually with *the*

wher·ry (hwer'ē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ries** [[ME *whery*]] a light rowboat

whet (hwet) ***vt.*** **whet'ted, whet'ting** [[< OE *hwæt*, keen]] **1** to sharpen by rubbing or grinding (the edge of a knife or tool) **2** to stimulate

wheth·er (hweth'ər) ***conj.*** [[OE *hwæther*]] **1** if it be the case that *[*ask *whether* she sings*]* **2** in case; in either case that: introducing alternatives *[whether* it rains or snows*]*

whet·stone (hwet'stōn') ***n.*** an abrasive stone for sharpening knives, etc.

whew (hyo͞o) ***interj.*** [[echoic]] used to express relief, surprise, dismay, etc.

whey (hwā) ***n.*** [[OE *hwæg*]] the watery part of milk, that separates from the curds

which (hwich) ***pron.*** [[OE *hwylc*]] **1** what one (or ones) of several? *[which* do you want?*]* **2** the one (or ones) that *[*he knows *which* he wants*]* **3** that *[*the boat *which* sank*]* —***adj.*** what one or ones *[which* man (or men) left?*]*

which·ev'er ***pron.***, ***adj.*** **1** any one *[*take *whichever* (desk) you like*]* **2** no matter which *[whichever* (desk) he chooses, they won't be pleased*]*

whiff (hwif) ***n.*** [[echoic]] **1** a light puff or gust of air, etc. **2** a slight odor

whif·fle·tree (hwif'əl trē') ***n.*** *var. of* WHIPPLETREE

Whig (hwig) ***n.*** [[< *whiggamore* (derisive term for Scot Presbyterians)]] **1** a member of a former English political party that championed reform **2** a supporter of the American Revolution **3** a member of a U.S. political party (*c.* 1834-56)

while (hwīl) ***n.*** [[OE *hwil*]] a period of time *[*a short *while]* —***conj.*** **1** during the time that *[*I read *while* I eat*]* **2** although; whereas *[while* not poor, she's not rich*]* —***vt.*** **whiled, whil'ing** to spend (time) in a pleasant way: often with *away*

whi·lom (hwī'ləm) ***adj.*** [[< OE]] former

whilst (hwīlst) ***conj.*** [Chiefly Brit.] WHILE

whim (hwim) ***n.*** a sudden, passing idea or desire

whim·per (hwim'pər) ***vi.***, ***vt.*** [[? akin to WHINE]] to cry or utter with low, whining, broken sounds —***n.*** a whimpering sound or cry

whim·si·cal (hwim'zi kəl) ***adj.*** **1** full of whims or whimsy **2** oddly out of the ordinary —**whim'si·cal'i·ty** (-kal'ə tē) ***n.*** —**whim'si·cal·ly** ***adv.***

whim·sy (hwim'zē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-sies** [[< ?]] **1** a sudden, odd notion **2** quaint or fanciful humor Also sp. **whim'sey**, *pl.* **-seys**

whine (hwīn) ***vi.*** **whined, whin'ing** [[OE *hwinan*]] **1** *a)* to utter a high-pitched, nasal sound, as in complaint *b)* to make a prolonged sound like this **2** to complain in a childish way —***n.*** **1** a whining **2** a complaint uttered in a whining tone —**whin'y, -i·er, -i·est,** ***adj.***

whin·ny (hwin'ē) ***vi.*** **-nied, -ny·ing** [[prob. echoic]] to neigh in a low, gentle way: said of a horse —***n.***, *pl.* **-nies** a whinnying

whip (hwip) ***vt.*** **whipped** or **whipt**, **whip'ping** ‖< MDu *wippen*, to swing‖ **1** to move, pull, throw, etc. suddenly *[to whip* out a knife*]* **2** to strike, as with a strap; lash **3** to wind (cord, etc.) around (a rope, etc.) so as to prevent fraying **4** to beat into a froth *[to whip* cream*]* **5** [Inf.] to defeat —***vi.*** **1** to move quickly and suddenly **2** to flap about —***n.*** **1** a flexible instrument for striking or flogging **2** a blow, etc. as with a whip **3** an officer of a political party in a legislature who maintains disclipine, etc. **4** a whipping motion —**whip up** **1** to rouse (interest, etc.) **2** [Inf.] to prepare quickly

whip'cord' ***n.*** **1** a hard, twisted or braided cord **2** a strong, diagonally ribbed worsted cloth

whip hand control or advantage

whip'lash' ***n.*** **1** the lash of a whip **2** a sudden, severe jolting of the neck, as in an automobile accident

whip'per-snap'per ***n.*** an insignificant person who appears presumptuous

whip·pet (hwip'it) ***n.*** ‖< WHIP‖ a swift dog resembling a small greyhound, used in racing

whip·ple-tree (hwip'əl trē') ***n.*** ‖< WHIP + TREE‖ SINGLETREE

whip·poor·will (hwip'ər wil') ***n.*** ‖echoic‖ a dark-colored bird of E North America, active at night

whip'py ***adj.*** springy; flexible

whir or **whirr** (hwur) ***vi.***, ***vt.*** **whirred**, **whir'ring** ‖ME *quirren*‖ to fly, revolve, vibrate, etc. with a whizzing or buzzing sound —***n.*** such a sound

whirl (hwurl) ***vi.*** ‖< ON *hvirfla*‖ **1** to move rapidly in a circle or orbit **2** to rotate or spin fast **3** to seem to spin *[my head is whirling]* —***vt.*** to cause to rotate, revolve, or spin rapidly —***n.*** **1** a whirling motion **2** a confused or giddy condition —**give it a whirl** [Inf.] to make an attempt

whirl·i·gig (hwur'li gig') ***n.*** a child's toy that whirls or spins, as a pinwheel

whirl'pool' ***n.*** **1** water in violent, whirling motion, tending to draw floating objects into its center **2** a bath in which an agitating device propels a current of warm water with a swirling motion: in full **whirlpool bath**

whirl'wind' ***n.*** **1** a forward-moving current of air whirling violently in a vertical spiral **2** anything like a whirlwind —***adj.*** impetuous; speedy

whisk (hwisk) ***n.*** ‖< ON *visk*, a brush‖ **1** a brushing with a quick, light, sweeping motion **2** such a motion **3** a kitchen utensil of wire loops in a handle, for whipping cream, etc. —***vt.*** to move, carry, brush (*away, off, out,* etc.) with a quick, sweeping motion —***vi.*** to move quickly or nimbly

whisk broom a small, short-handled broom for brushing clothes, etc.

whisk·er (hwis'kər) ***n.*** **1** [*pl.*] the hair growing on a man's face, esp. on the cheeks **2** any of the long, bristly hairs on the upper lip of a cat, rat, etc. **3** a very small amount or margin

whis·key (hwis'kē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-keys** or **-kies** ‖< Ir *uisce*, water + *beathadh*, life‖ a strong alcoholic liquor distilled from the fermented mash of grain: also sp. **whis·ky**, *pl.* **-kies**: in general, U.S. and Irish usage favors *whiskey*, and Brit. and Cdn. usage favors *whisky*

whis·per (hwis'pər) ***vi.***, ***vt.*** ‖< OE *hwisprian*‖ **1** to speak or say very softly, esp. without vibrating the vocal cords **2** to talk or tell furtively, as in gossiping **3** to make a rustling sound —***n.*** **1** a whispering **2** something whispered **3** a soft, rustling sound

whist (hwist) ***n.*** ‖< earlier *whisk*‖ a card game that is the forerunner of bridge

whis·tle (hwis'əl) ***vi.*** **-tled**, **-tling** ‖OE *hwistlian*‖ **1** to make a clear, shrill sound as by blowing through puckered lips **2** to move with a shrill sound, as the wind does **3** *a*) to blow a whistle *b*) to have its whistle blown *[the train whistled]* —***vt.*** **1** to produce (a tune, etc.) by whistling **2** to signal, etc. by whistling —***n.*** **1** a device for making whistling sounds **2** a whistling — **whis'tler** ***n.***

whis'tle-blow'er ***n.*** one who informs on a wrongdoer

whis'tle-stop' ***n.*** **1** a small town **2** a brief stop in a small town on a tour

whit (hwit) ***n.*** ‖< OE *wiht*, wight‖ the least bit; jot

white (hwīt) ***adj.*** **whit'er**, **whit'est** ‖OE *hwit*‖ **1** having the color of pure snow or milk; opposite to black **2** of a light or pale color **3** pale; wan **4** lacking color **5** pure; innocent **6** [*sometimes* **W-**] having a light-colored skin; Caucasoid —***n.*** **1** *a*) white color *b*) a white pigment **2** a white or light-colored part, as the albumen of an egg or the white part of the eyeball **3** [*sometimes* **W-**] a person with a light-colored skin —**white'ness** ***n.***

white blood cell (or **corpuscle**) LEUKOCYTE

white'-bread' ***adj.*** [Inf.] **1** of or like the white middle class, its values, etc. **2** bland, conventional, etc.

white'cap' ***n.*** a wave with its crest broken into white foam

white'-col'lar ***adj.*** designating or of office or professional workers

white-collar crime fraud, embezzlement, etc., committed by a person in business, government, or a profession

white elephant **1** an albino elephant **2** something of little use, but expensive to maintain **3** any object no longer wanted by its owner, but possibly useful to another

white'fish' ***n.***, *pl.* **-fish'** or (for different species) **-fish'es** a white or silvery, edible fish, found in cool lakes of the Northern Hemisphere

white flag a white banner or cloth hoisted as a signal of truce or surrender

white gold a gold alloy that looks like platinum

white goods **1** household linens, as sheets and towels **2** large household appliances, as refrigerators and stoves

white heat **1** a temperature at which material glows white **2** a state of intense emotion, excitement, etc. —

white′-hot′ *adj.*
White′horse′ capital of the Yukon Territory, Canada: pop. 19,000
White House, the **1** official residence of the President of the U.S. in Washington, DC **2** the executive branch of the U.S. government
white lead a poisonous, white powder, lead carbonate, used in paint
white lie a lie about a trivial matter, often told to spare someone's feelings
white metal any of various light-colored alloys, esp. one containing much lead or tin, as pewter
whit·en (hwīt′ən) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** to make or become white or whiter —**whit′en·er** ***n.*** —**whit′en·ing** ***n.***
white′-out′ ***n.*** [< *Wite-Out*, a trademark] a quick-drying, white fluid that is brushed on to cover printed errors and allow for corrections
white paper **1** an official government report **2** any in-depth, authoritative report
white sale a sale of household linens
white slave a woman forced into prostitution for the profit of others —**white slavery**
white′wall′ ***adj.*** designating or of a tire with a circular white band on the side —***n.*** such a tire
white′wash′ ***n.*** **1** a mixture of lime, chalk, water, etc., as for whitening walls, etc. **2** a concealing of faults in order to exonerate —***vt.*** **1** to cover with whitewash **2** to conceal the faults of **3** [Inf.] *Sports* to defeat (an opponent) soundly
white′-wa′ter ***adj.*** of or having to do with recreational kayaking, rafting, etc. on rivers with rapids, fast currents, etc. (**white water**)
whith·er (hwi*th*′ər) [Now Rare] ***adv.*** [OE *hwider*] to what place, condition, result, etc.? —***conj.*** **1** to which place, result, etc. **2** wherever
whit·ing[1] (hwīt′iŋ) ***n.*** [< MDu *wit*, white] any of various unrelated food fishes of North America, Europe, etc.
whit·ing[2] (hwīt′iŋ) ***n.*** [ME *hwiting*] powdered chalk used in paints, etc.
whit′ish ***adj.*** somewhat white
Whit·man (hwit′mən), **Walt(er)** 1819-92; U.S. poet
Whit·ney (hwit′nē), **Mount** mountain in EC California: 14,495 ft.
Whit·sun·day (hwit′sun′dā) ***n.*** [OE *Hwita Sunnandæg*, lit., white Sunday] PENTECOST
whit·tle (hwit′l) ***vt.*** **-tled**, **-tling** [< OE *thwitan*, to cut] **1** *a*) to cut thin shavings from (wood) with a knife *b*) to carve (an object) thus **2** to reduce gradually —***vi.*** to whittle wood
whiz or **whizz** (hwiz) ***vi.*** **whizzed**, **whiz′zing** [echoic] **1** to move swiftly with a buzzing or hissing sound **2** to make this sound —***n.*** **1** this sound **2** [Slang] an expert *[a whiz at football]*
who (hōō) ***pron.*** [OE *hwa*] **1** what or which person or persons *[who is he? I asked who he was]* **2** the person or persons that, or a person that *[a man who knows]*
WHO *abbrev.* World Health Organization
whoa (hwō) ***interj.*** stop!: used esp. in directing a horse to stand still
who·dun·it (hōō dun′it) ***n.*** [< WHO + DONE + IT] [Inf.] a mystery novel, play, etc.
who·ev′er ***pron.*** **1** any person that **2** no matter who *[whoever said it, it's not so]* **3** who?: an emphatic usage *[whoever told you that?]*
whole (hōl) ***adj.*** [OE *hal*] **1** healthy; not diseased or injured **2** not broken, damaged, etc.; intact **3** containing all the parts; complete **4** not divided up; in a single unit **5** not a fraction —***n.*** **1** the entire amount **2** a thing complete in itself —**on the whole** in general —**whole′ness** ***n.***
whole′heart′ed ***adj.*** with all one's energy, enthusiasm, etc.; sincere
whole′-hog′ ***adj.***, ***adv.*** [Slang] without reservation; complete(ly)
whole milk milk from which no butterfat, etc. has been removed
whole note *Music* a note having four times the duration of a quarter note
whole′sale′ ***n.*** the selling of goods in large quantities and at lower prices, esp. to retailers —***adj.*** **1** of or having to do with such selling **2** extensive or indiscriminate *[wholesale criticism]* —***adv.*** **1** at wholesale prices **2** extensively or indiscriminately —***vt.***, ***vi.*** **-saled′**, **-sal′ing** to sell wholesale —**whole′sal′er** ***n.***
whole′some ***adj.*** [ME *holsom*] **1** promoting good health or well-being; healthful **2** improving the mind or character **3** healthy; sound —**whole′some·ness** ***n.***
whole tone *Music* an interval consisting of two adjacent semitones: also **whole step**
whole′-wheat′ ***adj.*** ground from whole kernels of wheat or made of flour so ground
whol·ly (hōl′lē) ***adv.*** to the whole amount or extent; totally; entirely
whom (hōōm) ***pron.*** *objective case of* WHO
whom·ev′er (-ev′ər) ***pron.*** *objective case of* WHOEVER
whoop (hwōōp, wōōp, hōōp) ***n.*** [< ? OFr *houper*, cry out] **1** a loud shout, cry, etc., as of joy **2** the convulsive intake of air following a fit of coughing in whooping cough —***vt.***, ***vi.*** to utter (with) a whoop or whoops
whoop·ing cough (hōō′piŋ, hwōō′-) an acute infectious disease, esp. of children, with coughing fits that end in a whoop
whop·per (hwäp′ər, wäp′ər) ***n.*** [< inf. *whop*, to beat] [Inf.] **1** anything extraordinarily large **2** a great lie
whop′ping ***adj.*** [Inf.] extraordinarily large
whore (hôr) ***n.*** [OE *hore*] a prostitute —**whor′ish** ***adj.***
who're (hōō′ər) *contr.* who are
whorl (hwôrl, hwu̇rl) ***n.*** [ME *whorwyl*]

anything with a coiled or spiral appearance, as any of the circular ridges that form the patterns of a fingerprint —**whorled** *adj.*

who's (hōōz) *contr.* **1** who is **2** who has

whose (hōōz) ***pron.*** ‖OE *hwæs*‖ that or those belonging to whom —***poss. pronominal adj.*** of, belonging to, or done by whom or which

who·so·ev·er (hōō′sō ev′ər) ***pron.*** whoever

why (hwī, wī) ***adv.*** ‖OE *hwæt*, what‖ for what reason, cause, or purpose? *[why eat?]* —***conj.*** **1** because of which *[no reason why you shouldn't go]* **2** the reason for which *[that is why he went]* —***n., pl.*** **whys** the reason; cause —***interj.*** an exclamation of surprise, impatience, etc.

WI Wisconsin

Wich·i·ta (wich′ə tô′) city in S Kansas: pop. 304,000

wick (wik) ***n.*** ‖OE *weoca*‖ a piece of cord, etc., as in a candle or oil lamp, that absorbs the fuel and, when lighted, burns

wick·ed (wik′id) ***adj.*** ‖ME < *wikke*, evil‖ **1** morally bad; evil **2** generally bad, unpleasant, etc. *[a wicked storm]* **3** mischievous **4** [Slang] showing great skill —**wick′ed·ly** ***adv.*** —**wick′ed·ness** ***n.***

wick·er (wik′ər) ***n.*** ‖< Scand‖ **1** a thin, flexible twig **2** *a*) such twigs or long, woody strips woven together, as in making baskets *b*) WICKERWORK (sense 1) —***adj.*** made of wicker

wick′er·work′ ***n.*** **1** things made of wicker **2** WICKER (*n.* 2*a*)

wick·et (wik′it) ***n.*** ‖ME *wiket*‖ **1** a small door or gate, esp. one in or near a larger one **2** a small window, as in a box office **3** *Croquet* any of the small wire arches through which balls are hit

wide (wīd) ***adj.*** **wid′er, wid′est** ‖OE *wid*‖ **1** extending over a large area, esp. from side to side **2** of a specified extent from side to side **3** of great extent *[a wide variety]* **4** open fully *[eyes wide with fear]* **5** far from the point, etc. aimed at: usually with *of* *[wide of the target]* —***adv.*** **1** over a relatively large area **2** to a large or full extent *[wide open]* **3** so as to miss the point, etc. aimed at; astray —**wide′ly** ***adv.*** —**wide′ness** ***n.***

-wide (wīd) *combining form* existing or extending throughout *[statewide]*

wide′-an′gle ***adj.*** designating or of a camera lens having a wider than ordinary angle of view

wide′-a·wake′ ***adj.*** **1** completely awake **2** alert

wide′-eyed′ ***adj.*** **1** with the eyes opened widely, as in surprise or fear **2** naive or unsophisticated

wid·en (wīd′′n) ***vt., vi.*** to make or become wider

wide′-o′pen ***adj.*** **1** opened wide **2** having no or few legal restrictions against prostitution, gambling, etc. *[a wide-open city]*

wide′spread′ ***adj.*** occurring over a wide area

widg·eon (wij′ən) ***n.*** *alt. sp. of* WIGEON

wid·ow (wid′ō) ***n.*** ‖OE *widewe*‖ a woman whose husband has died and who has not remarried —***vt.*** to cause to become a widow —**wid′ow·hood′** ***n.***

wid′ow·er ***n.*** a man whose wife has died and who has not remarried

width (width) ***n.*** **1** distance from side to side **2** a piece of a certain width *[two widths of cloth]*

wield (wēld) ***vt.*** ‖OE *wealdan*‖ **1** to handle (a tool, etc.), esp. with skill **2** to exercise (power, influence, etc.)

wie·ner (wē′nər) ***n.*** ‖< Ger *Wiener wurst*, Vienna sausage‖ a smoked link sausage; frankfurter: also [Inf.] **wie′nie** (-nē)

wife (wīf) ***n., pl.*** **wives** ‖OE *wif*, woman‖ a married woman —**wife′less** ***adj.*** —**wife′ly** ***adj.***

wig (wig) ***n.*** ‖< PERIWIG‖ a covering of real or synthetic hair worn as to hide baldness —***vt.*** **wigged, wig′ging** **1** to furnish with a wig **2** [Slang] *a*) to annoy, upset, etc. *b*) to make excited, crazy, etc. (often with *out*) —***vi.*** [Slang] to be or become upset, excited, etc.: often with *out*

wi·geon (wij′ən) ***n.*** ‖prob. < L *vipio*, small crane‖ any of certain wild, freshwater ducks

wig·gle (wig′əl) ***vt., vi.*** **-gled, -gling** ‖ME *wigelen*‖ to move or cause to move with short, jerky motions from side to side —***n.*** a wiggling —**wig′gler** ***n.*** —**wig′gly, -gli·er, -gli·est,** ***adj.***

wight (wīt) ***n.*** ‖OE *wiht*‖ [Archaic] a human being

wig·let (wig′lit) ***n.*** a small wig

wig·wag (wig′wag′) ***vt., vi.*** **-wagged′, -wag′ging** ‖< obs. *wig*, to move + WAG[1]‖ **1** to move back and forth; wag **2** to send (a message) by a visible code —***n.*** the sending of messages in this way

wig·wam (wig′wäm′) ***n.*** ‖< Algonquian‖ a North American Indian dwelling of a dome-shaped framework of poles covered with mats or bark

wild (wīld) ***adj.*** ‖OE *wilde*‖ **1** living or growing in its original, natural state **2** not lived in or cultivated; waste **3** not civilized; savage **4** not easily controlled *[a wild child]* **5** lacking social or moral restraint; dissolute *[a wild time]* **6** turbulent; stormy **7** enthusiastic *[wild about golf]* **8** fantastically impractical; reckless **9** missing the target *[a wild shot]* **10** *Card Games* having any desired value: said of a card —***adv.*** in a wild manner —***n.*** [*usually pl.*] a wilderness or wasteland —**wild′ly** ***adv.*** —**wild′ness** ***n.***

wild′cat′ ***n.*** **1** any fierce, medium-sized, undomesticated cat, as the bobcat, ocelot, etc. **2** an oil well in a previously unproductive area —***adj.*** **1** unsound or risky **2** illegal or unauthorized *[a wildcat strike]* —***vi.*** **-cat′ted, -cat′ting** to drill for oil in a previously unproductive area

wil·de·beest (wil′də bēst′, vil′-) ***n.*** ‖Afrik‖ GNU

wil·der·ness (wil′dər nis) ***n.*** ‖< OE *wilde*, wild + *deor*, animal‖ an unculti-

vated region
wild′-eyed′ *adj.* **1** staring in a wild or demented way **2** very foolish or impractical
wild′fire′ *n.* a fire that spreads widely and rapidly
wild′flow′er *n.* **1** any flowering plant growing wild in fields, etc. **2** its flower Also **wild flower**
wild′fowl′ *n., pl.* **-fowls′** or **-fowl′** a wild bird, esp. a game bird: also **wild fowl**
wild′-goose′ chase a futile search or pursuit
wild′life′ *n.* wild animals and birds
wild oats a wild grass common in the W U.S. —**sow one's wild oats** to be promiscuous or dissolute in one's youth
wild rice **1** an aquatic grass of the U.S. and Canada **2** its edible grain
Wild West [*also* **w- W-**] the western U.S. in its early frontier period of lawlessness
wile (wīl) *n.* [< OE *wigle*, magic] **1** a sly trick; stratagem **2** a beguiling trick: *usually used in pl.* —*vt.* **wiled, wil′ing** to beguile; lure —**wile away** to while away (time, etc.)
wil·ful (wil′fəl) *adj. alt. sp. of* WILLFUL
Wilkes-Bar·re (wilks′bar′ē) city in NE Pennsylvania: pop. 48,000
will[1] (wil) *n.* [OE *willa*] **1** the power of making a reasoned choice or of controlling one's own actions **2** determination **3** attitude toward others *[a man of good will]* **4** *a*) a particular desire, choice, etc. of someone *b*) mandate *[the will of the people]* **5** a legal document directing the disposal of one's property after death —*vt.* **1** to desire; want *[to will to live]* **2** to control by the power of the will **3** to bequeath by a will —*vi.* to wish, desire, or choose —**at will** when one wishes
will[2] (wil) *v.aux. pt.* **would** [OE *willan*, to desire] **1** used to indicate simple future time *[when will she arrive?]* **2** used to express determination, obligation, etc. *[you will* listen to me*]* **3** used in polite questions *[will* you have some wine?*]* **4** used to express habit, expectation, etc. *[they will* talk for hours*]* **5** used to express possibility
USAGE—the distinction between WILL[2] (for second and third person subjects) and SHALL (for the first person) in expressing simple future time or determination, etc. is today virtually nonexistent in North American English; WILL[2] and SHALL and their respective past tenses WOULD and SHOULD are usually interchangeable, with WILL[2] (and WOULD) being the preferred form in all persons
will′ful (-fəl) *adj.* **1** said or done deliberately **2** doing as one pleases —**will′ful·ly** *adv.* —**will′ful·ness** *n.*
Wil·liam I (wil′yəm) 1027?-87; duke of Normandy who invaded England: king of England (1066-87): called *William the Conqueror*
Wil·liams·burg (wil′yəmz bʉrg′) city in SE Virginia, restored to its 18th-c. look: pop. 12,000
wil·lies (wil′ēz) *pl.n.* [< ?] [Slang] a nervous feeling; jitters: with *the*

will′ing *adj.* **1** favorably disposed; consenting *[willing* to play*]* **2** acting, giving, etc. or done, given, etc. readily and cheerfully —**will′ing·ly** *adv.* —**will′ing·ness** *n.*
wil·li·waw or **wil′ly·waw′** (wil′i wô′) *n.* **1** a violent, cold wind blowing from mountain passes toward the coast **2** confusion; turmoil
will-o'-the-wisp (wil′ə *th*ə wisp′) *n.* a delusive hope or goal
wil·low (wil′ō) *n.* [OE *welig*] **1** a tree with narrow leaves, and flexible twigs used in weaving baskets, etc. **2** its wood
wil′low·y *adj.* like a willow; slender, lithe, etc.
will′pow′er *n.* strength of will, mind, or determination; self-control
wil·ly-nil·ly (wil′ē nil′ē) *adv., adj.* [contr. < *will I, nill I*: *nill* < OE *nyllan*, be unwilling] **1** (happening) whether one wishes it or not **2** in a disordered way; helter-skelter
Wil·son (wil′sən), (**Thomas**) **Wood·row** (wood′rō) 1856-1924; 28th president of the U.S. (1913-21)
wilt (wilt) *vi.* [< obs. *welk*, to wither] **1** to become limp, as from heat or lack of water; droop: said of plants **2** to become weak or faint; lose strength or courage —*vt.* to cause to wilt
Wil·ton (**carpet** or **rug**) (wilt′′n) [after *Wilton*, England] a kind of carpet with a velvety pile of cut loops
wil·y (wī′lē) *adj.* **-i·er, -i·est** full of wiles; crafty; sly —**wil′i·ness** *n.*
wimp (wimp) *n.* [< ?] [Slang] a weak, ineffectual, or insipid person —**wimp′ish** *adj.* —**wimp′y, -i·er, -i·est,** *adj.*
wim·ple (wim′pəl) *n.* [OE *wimpel*] a nun's head covering that leaves only the face exposed
win (win) *vi.* **won, win′ning** [< OE *winnan*, to fight] **1** *a*) to gain a victory *b*) to finish first in a race, etc. **2** to succeed in reaching a specified condition or place; get *[to win* back to health*]* —*vt.* **1** to get by labor, struggle, etc. **2** to be victorious in (a contest, etc.) **3** to get to with effort *[they won* the camp by noon*]* **4** to prevail upon; persuade: often with *over* **5** to gain (the sympathy, favor, etc.) of (someone) **6** to persuade to marry one —*n.* a victory
wince (wins) *vi.* **winced, winc′ing** [< OFr *guenchir*] to shrink or draw back slightly, usually with a grimace, as in pain —*n.* a wincing
winch (winch) *n.* [OE *wince*] **1** a crank with a handle for transmitting motion **2** a machine for hoisting, etc. using a cylinder upon which is wound the rope, etc. attached to an object
Win·ches·ter (win′ches′tər) [after O. F. *Winchester* (1810-80), the manufacturer] *trademark for* a type of repeating rifle
wind[1] (wīnd) *vt.* **wound** or [Rare] **wind′ed, wind′ing** [OE *windan*] **1** to turn *[to wind* a crank*]* **2** to coil into a ball or around something else; twine **3**

to cover by entwining **4** *a*) to make (one's way) in a twisting course *b*) to cause to move in a twisting course **5** to tighten the spring of (a clock, etc.) as by turning a stem: often with *up* —***vi.*** **1** to move or go in a curving or sinuous manner **2** to take a devious course **3** to coil (*about* or *around* something) —***n.*** a turn; twist —**wind down** **1** to bring or come to an end **2** to become relaxed; unwind —**wind up** **1** to wind into a ball, etc. **2** to bring to an end; settle **3** to make very tense, excited, etc. **4** *Baseball* to perform a WINDUP (sense 2) —**wind'er** ***n.***

wind[2] (wind) ***n.*** [[OE]] **1** air in motion **2** a strong current of air; gale **3** air bearing a scent, as in hunting **4** air regarded as bearing information, etc. *[a rumor in the wind]* **5** breath or the power of breathing **6** empty talk **7** [*pl.*] the wind instruments of an orchestra —***vt.*** **1** to get the scent of **2** to put out of breath —**break wind** to expel gas from the bowels —**get wind of** to hear of —**in the wind** happening or about to happen

wind·bag (wind'bag') ***n.*** [Inf.] one who talks much but says little of importance

wind'break' ***n.*** a hedge, fence, etc. serving as a protection from wind

Wind'break'er *trademark for* a warm jacket with closefitting waistband and cuffs

wind'burn' ***n.*** a reddened, sore skin condition, caused by overexposure to the wind

wind'chill' factor an estimated measure of the cooling effect of air and wind on exposed skin

wind chimes (or **bells**) a cluster of small chimes or pendants hung so that they strike one another and tinkle when blown by the wind

wind·ed (win'did) ***adj.*** out of breath

wind·fall (wind'fôl') ***n.*** an unexpected gain, stroke of good luck, etc.

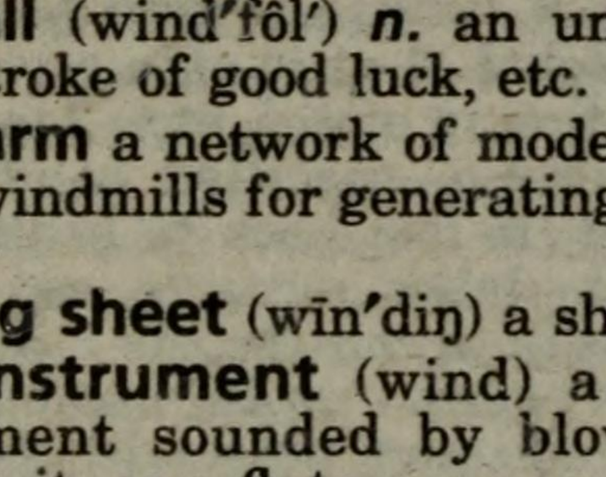
wind farm a network of modern, high-speed windmills for generating electricity

wind·ing sheet (wīn'diŋ) a shroud

wind instrument (wind) a musical instrument sounded by blowing air through it, as a flute

wind·jam·mer (wind'jam'ər) ***n.*** a large sailing ship or one of its crew

wind·lass (wind'ləs) ***n.*** [[< ON *vinda*, to WIND[1] + *ass*, a beam]] a winch, esp. one worked by a crank



WINDLASS

wind'mill' ***n.*** **1** a mill operated by the wind's rotation of large vanes radiating from a shaft **2** a device like this, as one to harness wind power

win·dow (win'dō) ***n.*** [[< ON *vindr*, WIND[2] + *auga*, an eye]] **1** an opening in a building, vehicle, etc. for letting in light, air, etc. usually having a pane of glass in a movable frame **2** a windowpane **3** an opening resembling a window **4** the interval during which something can be done

window box a long, narrow box on or outside a window ledge, for growing plants

window dressing **1** the display of goods in a store window **2** that which is meant to make something seem better than it really is —**win'dow-dress'** ***vt.*** —**window dresser**

win'dow·pane' ***n.*** a pane of glass in a window

win'dow-shop' ***vi.*** **-shopped'**, **-shop'ping** to look at goods in store windows without entering to buy

win'dow·sill' ***n.*** the sill of a window

wind·pipe (wind'pīp') ***n.*** TRACHEA

wind'row' (-rō') ***n.*** a row of hay, etc. raked together to dry

wind shear a sudden change in wind direction, esp., dangerous vertical wind shifts

wind'shield' ***n.*** in automobiles, etc., a glass screen, in front, to protect from wind, etc.

wind'sock' ***n.*** a long, cloth cone flown at an airfield to show wind direction: also **wind sleeve**

Wind·sor (win'zər) port in SE Ontario, Canada: pop. 198,000

Windsor knot a double slipknot in a four-in-hand necktie

wind'storm' ***n.*** a storm with a strong wind but little or no rain, hail, etc.

wind'surf' ***vi.*** to ride for sport on a kind of surfboard with a pivoting sail —**wind'surf'ing** ***n.***

wind tunnel a tunnel-like chamber through which air is forced, for testing the effects of wind pressure on aircraft, motor vehicles, etc.

wind·up (wīnd'up') ***n.*** **1** a conclusion; end **2** *Baseball* the motion of the pitcher leading up to throwing the ball

wind·ward (wind'wərd) ***n.*** the direction from which the wind blows —***adv.*** toward the wind —***adj.*** **1** moving windward **2** on the side from which the wind blows

Windward Islands S group of islands in the West Indies, south of the Leeward Islands

wind·y (win'dē) ***adj.*** **-i·er**, **-i·est** **1** with much wind *[a windy city]* **2** stormy, blustery, etc. **3** long-winded, pompous, etc. —**wind'i·ness** ***n.***

wine (wīn) ***n.*** [[< L *vinum*]] the fermented juice of grapes, etc., used as an alcoholic beverage —***vt.***, ***vi.*** **wined**, **win'ing** usually in the phrase **wine and dine**, to entertain lavishly

wine'-col'ored ***adj.*** dark purplish-red

win·er·y (wīn'ər ē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ies** an establishment where wine is made

wing (wiŋ) ***n.*** [[ON *vaengr*]] **1** either of the paired organs of flight of a bird, bat,

insect, etc. **2** something like a wing in use, position, etc., esp., *a*) a (or the) main lateral supporting surface of an airplane *b*) a subordinate, projecting part of a building *c*) either side of the stage out of sight of the audience **3** the section of an army, fleet, etc. to the right (or left) of the center **4** a section, as of a political party, with reference to its radicalism or conservatism **5** a unit in an air force —***vt.*** **1** to provide with wings **2** *a*) to send swiftly as on wings *b*) to make (one's way) by flying *c*) to pass through or over, as by flying **3** to wound in the wing, arm, etc. —***vi.*** to fly —**on the wing** (while) flying —**take wing** to fly away —**under one's wing** under one's protection, etc. —**wing it** [Inf.] to improvise in acting, etc. —**winged** (wiŋd; *poet.* wiŋ'id) ***adj.*** —**wing'less** ***adj.***

wing'ding' (-diŋ') ***n.*** [< ?] [Slang] an event, party, etc. that is very festive, lively, etc.

wing'span' ***n.*** **1** the distance between the tips of an airplane's wings **2** WINGSPREAD (sense 1)

wing'spread' ***n.*** **1** the distance between the tips of fully spread wings **2** WINGSPAN

wink (wiŋk) ***vi.*** [OE *wincian*] **1** to close the eyelids and open them again quickly **2** to close and open one eyelid quickly, as a signal, etc. **3** to twinkle —***vt.*** to make (an eye) wink —***n.*** **1** a winking **2** an instant **3** a signal given by winking **4** a twinkle —**wink at** to pretend not to see

win·ner (win'ər) ***n.*** one that wins

win·ning (win'iŋ) ***adj.*** **1** victorious **2** attractive; charming —***n.*** **1** a victory **2** [*pl.*] money won

Win·ni·peg (win'ə peg') capital of Manitoba, Canada: pop. 618,000

win·now (win'ō) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** [< OE *wind*, WIND²] **1** to blow (chaff) from (grain) **2** to scatter **3** to sift out

win·o (wī'nō) ***n.***, *pl.* **-os** [Slang] an alcoholic who drinks cheap wine

win·some (win'səm) ***adj.*** [OE *wynsum*, pleasant] sweetly attractive; charming —**win'some·ly** ***adv.***

Win·ston-Sa·lem (win'stən sā'ləm) city in NC North Carolina: pop. 143,000

win·ter (win'tər) ***n.*** [OE] **1** the coldest season of the year, following autumn **2** a period of decline, distress, etc. —***adj.*** of, during, or for winter —***vi.*** to pass the winter —***vt.*** to keep, feed, etc. during winter

win'ter·green' ***n.*** **1** an evergreen plant with white flowers and red berries **2** an aromatic oil (**oil of wintergreen**) made from its leaves and used as a flavoring **3** the flavor

win'ter·ize' ***vt.*** **-ized'**, **-iz'ing** to put into condition for winter

win'ter·kill' ***vt.***, ***vi.*** to kill or die by exposure to winter cold or excessive snow and ice —***n.*** the process or an instance of winterkilling

win'ter·time' ***n.*** the winter season

win·try (win'trē) ***adj.*** **-tri·er**, **-tri·est** of or like winter; cold, bleak, etc. *[a wintry day]*

win'-win' ***adj.*** designating or of a situation from which all possible outcomes are satisfactory

win·y (wī'nē) ***adj.*** **-i·er**, **-i·est** like wine in taste, smell, color, etc.

wipe (wīp) ***vt.*** **wiped**, **wip'ing** [OE *wipian*] **1** to clean or dry by rubbing with a cloth, etc. **2** to rub (a cloth, etc.) over something **3** to apply or remove by wiping —***n.*** a wiping —**wipe out** **1** to remove; erase **2** to kill off **3** to destroy —**wip'er** ***n.***

wiped'-out' ***adj.*** [Slang] exhausted

wire (wīr) ***n.*** [OE *wir*] **1** metal drawn into a long thread **2** a length of this **3** a telegram **4** the finish line of a horse race —***adj.*** made of wire —***vt.*** **wired**, **wir'ing** **1** to furnish, connect, etc. with wire **2** to telegraph —***vi.*** to telegraph

wired (wīrd) ***adj.*** [Slang] **1** provided with concealed electronic listening or recording equipment **2** extremely excited, nervous, etc.

wire'hair' ***n.*** a fox terrier with a wiry coat: also called **wire'-haired' terrier**

wire'less (-lis) ***adj.*** operating by electromagnetic waves, not with conducting wire —***n.*** **1** wireless telegraphy or telephony **2** [Chiefly Brit.] *old-fashioned term for* RADIO

wire service an agency sending news electronically to subscribing newspapers, etc.

wire'tap' ***vi.***, ***vt.*** **-tapped'**, **-tap'ping** to tap (a telephone wire, etc.) to get information secretly —***n.*** **1** a wiretapping **2** a device for wiretapping

wir'ing ***n.*** a system of wires, as to provide a house with electricity

wir·y (wīr'ē) ***adj.*** **-i·er**, **-i·est** **1** of wire **2** like wire; stiff **3** lean and strong —**wir'i·ness** ***n.***

Wis·con·sin (wis kän'sən) Midwestern state of the U.S.: 56,154 sq. mi.; pop. 4,892,000; cap. Madison: abbrev. *WI* —**Wis·con'sin·ite'** ***n.***

wis·dom (wiz'dəm) ***n.*** [OE: see WISE¹ & -DOM] **1** the quality of being wise; good judgment **2** learning; knowledge

wisdom tooth the back tooth on each side of each jaw

wise¹ (wīz) ***adj.*** **wis'er**, **wis'est** [OE *wis*] **1** having or showing good judgment **2** informed *[none the wiser]* **3** learned **4** shrewd; cunning **5** [Slang] conceited, impudent, fresh, etc. —**wise'ly** ***adv.***

wise² (wīz) ***n.*** [OE] way; manner

-wise (wīz) [< prec.] *suffix* **1** in a (specified) direction, position, or manner *[lengthwise]* **2** in a manner characteristic of *[clockwise]* **3** with regard to *[budgetwise]*

wise·a·cre (wīz'ā'kər) ***n.*** [ult. < OHG *wizzago*, prophet] one who makes annoyingly conceited claims to knowledge

wise'crack' [Slang] ***n.*** a flippant or facetious remark —***vi.*** to make wisecracks

wish (wish) ***vt.*** [OE *wyscan*] **1** to have a longing for; want **2** to express a desire concerning *[I wish you well]* **3** to request *[I wish you to go]* —***vi.*** **1** to

long; yearn **2** to make a wish —***n.*** **1** a wishing **2** something wished for **3** a polite request, almost an order **4** [*pl.*] expressed desire for a person's health, etc. *[*best *wishes]* —**wish'er** ***n.***

wish'bone' ***n.*** the forked bone in front of a bird's breastbone

wish'ful (-fəl) ***adj.*** having or showing a wish; desirous —**wish'ful·ly** ***adv.***

wish·y-wash·y (wish'ē wôsh'ē) ***adj.*** [Inf.] **1** weak; feeble **2** vacillating; indecisive

wisp (wisp) ***n.*** ‖prob. < Scand‖ **1** a small bundle, as of straw **2** a thin or filmy piece, strand, etc. *[*a *wisp* of smoke*]* **3** something delicate, frail, etc. —**wisp'y**, **-i·er**, **-i·est**, ***adj.***

wis·te·ri·a (wis tir'ē ə) ***n.*** ‖after C. *Wistar* (1761-1818), U.S. anatomist‖ a twining vine with showy clusters of flowers: also **wis·tar'i·a** (-ter'-)

wist·ful (wist'fəl) ***adj.*** ‖< earlier *wistly*, attentive‖ showing or expressing vague yearnings —**wist'ful·ly** ***adv.*** —**wist'ful·ness** ***n.***

wit[1] (wit) ***n.*** ‖OE‖ **1** [*pl.*] powers of thinking; mental faculties **2** good sense **3** *a*) the ability to make clever remarks in a sharp, amusing way *b*) one characterized by wit

wit[2] (wit) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** **wist** (wist), **wit'ting** ‖OE *witan*‖ [Archaic] to know —**to wit** that is to say; namely

witch (wich) ***n.*** ‖OE *wicce*‖ **1** a woman thought to have supernatural power as by a compact with evil spirits **2** an ugly, old shrew **3** [Inf.] a fascinating woman or girl

witch'craft' ***n.*** the power or practices of witches

witch doctor in certain primitive societies, one thought able to cure sickness, ward off evil, etc. by using magic or incantations

witch'er·y (-ər ē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ies** **1** witchcraft; sorcery **2** bewitching charm

witch hazel ‖< OE *wice*‖ **1** a shrub with yellow flowers **2** a lotion made from its leaves and bark, used on inflammations, etc.

witch hunt ‖so named in allusion to persecutions of persons alleged to be witches‖ a highly publicized investigation carried out ostensibly to uncover disloyalty, etc., relying upon little evidence

with (wi*th*, with) ***prep.*** ‖OE‖ **1** in opposition to *[*to argue *with* a friend*]* **2** *a*) alongside of; near to *b*) in the company of *c*) into; among *[*mix blue *with* yellow*]* **3** as a member of *[*to play *with* a string quartet*]* **4** concerning *[*happy *with* his lot*]* **5** compared to **6** as well as *[*she rides *with* the best*]* **7** in the opinion of *[*it's OK *with* me*]* **8** as a result of *[*faint *with* hunger*]* **9** by means of **10** having received *[with* your consent, I'll go*]* **11** having as a possession, attribute, etc. **12** in the keeping, care, etc. of *[*leave it *with* me*]* **13** in spite of **14** at the same time as **15** in proportion to *[*wages that vary *with* skill*]* **16** to; onto *[*join one end *with* the other*]* **17** from *[*to part *with* one's gains*]* —**with that** after, or as a consequence of, that

with- *combining form* **1** away, back *[withdraw]* **2** against, from *[withhold]*

with·al (wi*th* ôl', with-) ***adv.*** **1** besides **2** despite that

with·draw' ***vt.*** **-drew'**, **-drawn'**, **-draw'ing** **1** to take back; remove **2** to retract or recall (a statement, etc.) —***vi.*** **1** to move back; go away; retreat **2** to remove oneself (*from* an organization, activity, etc.)

with·draw'al ***n.*** **1** the act of withdrawing **2** the process of giving up a narcotic drug, typically accompanied by distressing physical and mental effects (**withdrawal symptoms**)

with·drawn' ***vt.***, ***vi.*** *pp. of* WITHDRAW —***adj.*** shy, reserved, etc.

withe (with, wī*th*) ***n.*** ‖< OE *withthe*‖ a tough, flexible twig of willow, osier, etc., used for binding

with·er (wi*th*'ər) ***vi.*** ‖< ME *wederen*, to weather‖ **1** to dry up; wilt, as plants **2** to become wasted or decayed **3** to weaken; languish —***vt.*** **1** to cause to wither **2** to cause to feel abashed

with·ers (wi*th*'ərz) ***pl.n.*** ‖< OE *wither*, against‖ the part of a horse's back between the shoulder blades

with·hold (wi*th* hōld', with-) ***vt.*** **-held'**, **-hold'ing** **1** *a*) to hold back; restrain *b*) to deduct (taxes, etc.) from wages **2** to refrain from granting

withholding tax the amount of income tax withheld, as payment in advance, from an employee's pay

with·in (wi*th* in', with-) ***adv.*** ‖OE *withinnan*‖ **1** on or into the inside **2** indoors **3** inside the body, mind, etc. —***prep.*** **1** in the inner part of **2** not beyond **3** inside the limits of —***n.*** the inside

with'-it (-it) ***adj.*** [Slang] **1** sophisticated, up-to-date, etc. **2** fashionable; stylish

with·out' ***adv.*** ‖OE *withutan*‖ **1** on the outside **2** out-of-doors —***prep.*** **1** [Now Rare] at, on, or to the outside of **2** lacking **3** free from **4** with avoidance of *[*to pass by *without* speaking*]*

with·stand' (-stand') ***vt.***, ***vi.*** **-stood'**, **-stand'ing** to oppose, resist, or endure, esp. successfully

wit·less (wit'lis) ***adj.*** lacking wit; foolish —**wit'less·ly** ***adv.***

wit·ness (wit'nis) ***n.*** ‖< OE *witan*, know‖ **1** evidence; testimony **2** one who saw, or can give a firsthand account of, something **3** one who testifies in court **4** one who observes, and attests to, a signing, etc. —***vt.*** **1** to testify to **2** to serve as evidence of **3** to act as witness of **4** to be present at —**bear witness** to testify

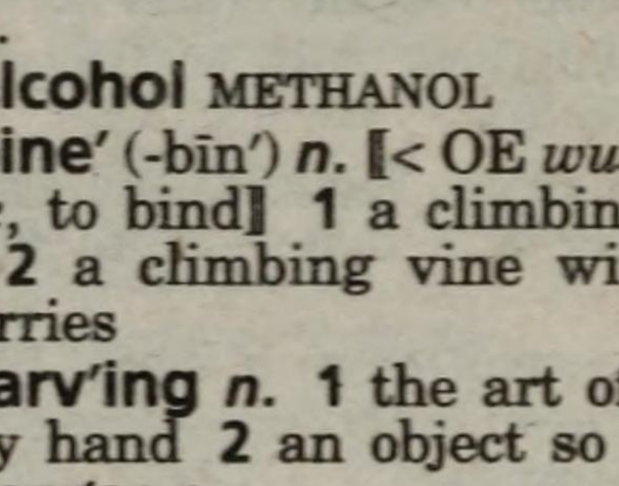
wit·ti·cism (wit'ə siz'əm) ***n.*** ‖< WITTY‖ a witty remark

wit·ting (wit'iŋ) ***adj.*** ‖ME *wytting*‖ intentional

wit·ty (wit'ē) ***adj.*** **-ti·er**, **-ti·est** ‖OE *wittig*‖ having or showing wit; cleverly amusing —**wit'ti·ly** ***adv.*** —**wit'ti·ness** ***n.***

wive (wīv) ***vi.***, ***vt.*** **wived**, **wiv'ing** ‖OE

wifian] [Archaic] to marry (a woman)
wives (wīvz) ***n.*** *pl. of* WIFE
wiz·ard (wiz′ərd) ***n.*** [ME *wisard*] **1** a magician; sorcerer **2** [Inf.] one very skilled at a specified activity
wiz′ard·ry ***n.*** magic; sorcery
wiz·ened (wiz′ənd) ***adj.*** [< OE *wisnian*, wither] dried up; withered
wk *abbrev.* **1** week **2** work
wkly. *abbrev.* weekly
w/o *abbrev.* without
wob·ble (wäb′əl) ***vi.*** **-bled, -bling** [prob. < LowG *wabbeln*] **1** to move unsteadily from side to side **2** to shake **3** to vacillate —***vt.*** to cause to wobble —***n.*** wobbling motion —**wob′bly, -bli·er, -bli·est,** ***adj.*** —**wob′bli·ness** ***n.***
woe (wō) ***n.*** [OE *wa*] **1** great sorrow; grief **2** trouble —***interj.*** alas!
woe′be·gone′ (-bē gôn′, -bi-) ***adj.*** of woeful appearance; looking sad or wretched
woe′ful (-fəl) ***adj.*** **1** full of woe; sad **2** causing woe **3** pitiful; wretched —**woe′ful·ly** ***adv.***
wok (wäk, wôk) ***n.*** [Chin] a bowl-shaped cooking pan used for frying, steaming, etc.
woke (wōk) ***vi., vt.*** *alt. pt. of* WAKE[1]
wok·en (wō′kən) ***vi., vt.*** *alt. pp. of* WAKE[1]
wolf (woolf) ***n., pl.*** **wolves** (woolvz) [OE *wulf*] **1** a wild, flesh-eating, doglike mammal of the Northern Hemisphere **2** *a*) a cruel or greedy person *b*) [Slang] a man who flirts with many women —***vt.*** to eat greedily: often with *down* —**cry wolf** to give a false alarm —**wolf′ish** ***adj.***
wolf′hound′ ***n.*** a breed of large dog, once used for hunting wolves
wol·ver·ine (wool′vər ēn′) ***n.*** [< WOLF] a stocky, flesh-eating mammal of N North America and N Eurasia
wolves (woolvz) ***n.*** *pl. of* WOLF
wom·an (woom′ən) ***n., pl.*** **wom·en** (wim′ən) [< OE *wif*, a female + *mann*, human being] **1** *a*) an adult female human being *b*) women collectively **2** a female servant **3** womanly qualities
-wom·an (woom′ən) *combining form* woman of a (specified) kind, in a (specified) activity, etc.: sometimes used to avoid the masculine implications of -MAN
wom′an·hood′ ***n.*** **1** the state of being a woman **2** womanly qualities **3** women collectively
wom′an·ish ***adj.*** like or characteristic of a woman
wom′an·ize′ ***vt.*** **-ized′, -iz′ing** to make effeminate —***vi.*** to be sexually promiscuous with women —**wom′an·iz′er** ***n.***
wom′an·kind′ ***n.*** women in general
wom′an·ly ***adj.*** **1** womanish **2** characteristic of or fit for a woman —**wom′an·li·ness** ***n.***
womb (wōōm) ***n.*** [OE *wamb*] UTERUS
wom·bat (wäm′bat′) ***n.*** [< native name] a burrowing marsupial resembling a small bear, found in Australia, etc.
wom·en (wim′in) ***n.*** *pl. of* WOMAN
wom′en·folk′ ***pl.n.*** [Inf. or Dial.] women or womankind: also **wom′en·folks′**
won (wun) ***vi., vt.*** *pt. & pp. of* WIN
won·der (wun′dər) ***n.*** [OE *wundor*] **1** a person, thing, or event causing astonishment and admiration; marvel **2** the feeling aroused by something strange, unexpected, etc. —***vi.*** **1** to be filled with wonder; marvel **2** to have curiosity, sometimes mingled with doubt —***vt.*** to have curiosity or doubt about [he *wondered* what happened]
won′der·ful ***adj.*** **1** that causes wonder; marvelous **2** excellent, fine, etc. —**won′der·ful·ly** ***adv.***
won′der·land′ ***n.*** any place, real or imaginary, full of wonders
won′der·ment ***n.*** amazement
won·drous (wun′drəs) ***adj.*** wonderful: now chiefly literary —***adv.*** [Archaic] surprisingly
wont (wônt, wōnt) ***adj.*** [< OE *wunian*, dwell] accustomed [she was *wont* to rise early] —***n.*** usual practice; habit
won't (wōnt) *contr.* will not
wont·ed (wôn′tid, wōn′-) ***adj.*** customary
won ton (wän′ tän′) [Cantonese] Chinese dumplings of noodle dough filled with chopped meat, etc., often served in a soup (**won′-ton′ soup**)
woo (wōō) ***vt.*** [OE *wogian*] **1** to seek the love of, usually in order to propose marriage **2** to seek [to *woo* fame] —***vi.*** to woo a person —**woo′er** ***n.***
wood (wood) ***n.*** [OE *wudu*] **1** [*usually pl., with sing. or pl. v.*] a thick growth of trees; forest **2** the hard, fibrous substance beneath the bark of trees and shrubs **3** lumber or timber **4** *Golf* any of certain clubs, originally with wooden heads —***adj.*** **1** made of wood; wooden **2** growing or living in woods —**out of the woods** [Inf.] out of difficulty, danger, etc.
wood alcohol METHANOL
wood′bine′ (-bīn′) ***n.*** [< OE *wudu*, wood + *binde*, to bind] **1** a climbing honeysuckle **2** a climbing vine with dark-blue berries
wood′carv′ing ***n.*** **1** the art of carving wood by hand **2** an object so made —**wood′carv′er** ***n.***
wood′chuck′ ***n.*** [< AmInd name] a burrowing and hibernating marmot of North America



WOODCHUCK

wood′cock′ ***n.*** a small game bird with short legs and a long bill
wood′craft′ ***n.*** **1** matters relating to

the woods, as camping, hunting, etc. **2** WOODWORKING

wood′cut′ *n.* **1** a wooden block engraved with a design, etc. **2** a print from this

wood′cut′ter *n.* one who fells trees, cuts wood, etc. —**wood′cut′ting** *n.*

wood′ed *adj.* covered with trees

wood′en *adj.* **1** made of wood **2** stiff, lifeless, etc. **3** dull; insensitive —**wood′en·ly** *adv.*

wood′land (-lənd, -land′) *n.* land covered with woods —*adj.* of the woods

wood′lot′ *n.* a piece of land where trees are raised, as for firewood, lumber, etc.

wood′peck′er (-pek′ər) *n.* a climbing bird with a strong, pointed bill used to peck holes in bark to get insects

wood′pile′ *n.* a pile of wood, esp. of firewood

wood screw a screw with a sharp point, for use in wood

wood′shed′ *n.* a shed for storing firewood

woods·man (wo͝odz′mən) *n.*, *pl.* **-men** (-mən) **1** one who lives or works in the woods **2** one skilled in woodcraft

wood′sy (-zē) *adj.* **-si·er, -si·est** of or like the woods —**wood′si·ness** *n.*

wood·wind (wo͝od′wind′) *n.* any of a family of wind instruments made, esp. orig., of wood, as the flute, clarinet, or oboe

wood′work′ *n.* **1** work done in wood **2** the wooden moldings, doors, etc. of a house

wood′work′ing *n.* the art or work of making things of wood

wood′y *adj.* **-i·er, -i·est** **1** covered with trees **2** consisting of or forming wood **3** like wood —**wood′i·ness** *n.*

woof[1] (wo͝of) *n.* [ult. < OE *wefan*, to weave] WEFT

woof[2] (wo͝of) *n.* [echoic] the gruff barking sound of a dog —*vi.* to make this sound

woof·er (wo͝of′ər) *n.* a large, high-fidelity speaker for reproducing low-frequency sounds

wool (wo͝ol) *n.* [OE *wull*] **1** the soft, curly hair of sheep or of some other animals, as the goat **2** woolen yarn, cloth, clothing, etc. **3** anything that looks or feels like wool

wool′en *adj.* **1** made of wool **2** relating to wool or woolen cloth —*n.* [*pl.*] woolen goods Also [Chiefly Brit.] **wool′len**

Woolf (wo͝olf), **Virginia** 1882-1941; Eng. novelist & critic

wool′gath′er·ing (-ga*th*′ər iŋ) *n.* aimless daydreaming or speculation

wool·ly (wo͝ol′ē) *adj.* **-li·er, -li·est** **1** of or like wool **2** bearing or covered with wool **3** rough and uncivilized: used chiefly in **wild and woolly** **4** confused *[woolly* ideas*]* Also sp. **wool′y**

wooz·y (wo͞o′zē, wo͞oz′ē) *adj.* **-i·er, -i·est** [Inf.] dizzy or befuddled, as from drink or a blow —**wooz′i·ness** *n.*

word (wʉrd) *n.* [OE] **1** *a*) a speech sound, or series of such sounds, having meaning as a unit of language *b*) the written or printed representation of this **2** a brief remark *[*a *word* of advice*]* **3** a promise or assurance *[*he gave his *word]* **4** news; information **5** *a*) a password *b*) a command, order, etc. **6** [*usually pl.*] *a*) speech *b*) lyrics **7** [*pl.*] a quarrel —*vt.* to put into words; phrase —**in a word** briefly —**in so many words** exactly and plainly —**the Word** the Bible —**word for word** in precisely the same words

word′age *n.* **1** words **2** wordiness

word′ing *n.* choice of words; diction

word of honor solemn promise

word of mouth speech, as opposed to writing

word′play′ *n.* **1** repartee **2** punning

word processor a computerized device consisting of a keyboard, video screen, printer, etc., used to generate, edit, store, or duplicate documents, as letters or reports —**word processing**

Words·worth (wʉrdz′wərth), **William** 1770-1850; Eng. poet

word·y (wʉr′dē) *adj.* **-i·er, -i·est** containing or using too many words; verbose —**word′i·ness** *n.*

wore (wôr) *vt.*, *vi. pt. of* WEAR

work (wʉrk) *n.* [OE *weorc*] **1** effort exerted to do or make something; labor; toil **2** employment; occupation **3** something one is making or doing; task **4** something made or done; specif., *a*) an act; deed (*usually used in pl.*) *[*good *works] b*) [*pl.*] collected writings *c*) [*pl.*] engineering structures, as bridges, dams, etc. **5** [*pl., with sing. v.*] a place where work is done, as a factory **6** workmanship —*adj.* of, for, or used in work —*vi.* **worked** or **wrought**, **work′ing** **1** to do work; labor; toil **2** to be employed **3** to function or operate, esp. effectively **4** to ferment **5** to move, proceed, etc. slowly and with difficulty **6** to come or become, as by repeated movement *[*the door *worked* loose*]* —*vt.* **1** to cause; bring about *[*his idea *worked* wonders*]* **2** to mold; shape **3** to solve (a mathematical problem, etc.) **4** to manipulate; knead **5** to bring into a specified condition, as by moving back and forth *[*to *work* a nail loose*]* **6** to cultivate (soil) **7** to operate; use **8** to cause to work *[*to *work* a crew hard*]* **9** to make (one's way, etc.) by effort **10** to provoke; rouse *[*to *work* oneself into a rage*]* **11** [Slang] to proceed ingratiatingly through (a crowd, etc.) —**at work** working —**in the works** in the process of being planned or done —**out of work** unemployed —**the works** **1** the working parts (*of* a watch, etc.) **2** [Inf.] everything: also **the whole works** —**work off** to get rid of —**work on** **1** to influence **2** to try to persuade —**work out** **1** to solve **2** to result **3** to develop **4** to have a workout —**work up** **1** to advance **2** to develop **3** to excite

work·a·ble (wʉr′kə bəl) *adj.* **1** that can be worked **2** practicable; feasible

work′a·day′ (-dā′) *adj.* **1** of workdays; everyday **2** ordinary

work′a·hol′ic (-hôl′ik) *n.* [WORK + -AHOLIC] a person having an irrational need to work

work'bench' *n.* a table at which work is done, as by a carpenter
work'book' *n.* a book of questions, exercises, etc. for use by students
work'day' *n.* **1** a day on which work is ordinarily done **2** the part of a day during which work is done
work'er *n.* **1** one who works for a living **2** one who works for a cause, etc. **3** a sterile ant, bee, etc. that does work for the colony
work·fare (wʉrk'fer') *n.* [WORK + (WEL)FARE] a government program requiring employable recipients of welfare to register for work, training, etc.
work'force' *n.* the total number of available workers
work'horse' *n.* **1** a horse used for working **2** a reliable worker with a heavy workload
work'house' *n.* a prison where petty offenders are confined and made to work
work'ing *adj.* **1** that works **2** of, for, or used in work **3** sufficient to get work done **4** on which further work may be based *[a working hypothesis]* —*n.* the act of one that works
working class the social class consisting of industrial and manual workers
work'ing·man' (-man') *n., pl.* **-men'** (-men') a worker, esp. an industrial worker
work'load' *n.* the amount of work assigned for completion within a given time period
work'man (-mən) *n., pl.* **-men** (-mən) **1** WORKINGMAN **2** a craftsman
work'man·like' *adj.* capable; competent
work'man·ship' *n.* skill of a workman or the quality of the work done
work'out' *n.* a session of physical exercises or any strenuous work
work'place' *n.* the office, factory, etc. where one works
work sheet a paper sheet with working notes, etc., or with problems, etc. to be worked on by students
work'shop' *n.* **1** a room or building where work is done **2** a seminar for specified intensive study, work, etc.
work'sta'tion *n.* **1** a person's work area, including furniture, etc. and, often, a microcomputer **2** a terminal or personal computer connected to a network
work'ta'ble *n.* a table at which work is done
work'-up' *n.* a complete medical study of a patient, including tests
work'week' *n.* the total number of hours or days worked in a week
world (wʉrld) *n.* [OE *werold*] **1** *a*) the earth *b*) the universe **2** *a*) mankind *b*) people generally; the public **3** *a*) [*also* **W-**] some part of the earth *[the Old World] b*) any sphere or domain *[the animal world]* **4** individual experience, outlook, etc. *[her world is narrow]* **5** secular life and interests, or people concerned with these **6** [*often pl.*] a large amount *[a world of good]* —**bring into the world** **1** to give birth to **2** to assist in the delivery of (a baby) —**for all the world** exactly
world'-class' *adj.* of the highest class, as in international competition
world'ly *adj.* **-li·er, -li·est** **1** of this world; secular **2** devoted to the affairs, pleasures, etc. of this world **3** worldly-wise —**world'li·ness** *n.*
world'ly-wise' *adj.* wise in the ways or affairs of the world; sophisticated
world'-shak'ing *adj.* of great significance, effect, or influence; momentous
world'view' *n.* a comprehensive, esp. personal, philosophy of the world and of human life
World War I the war (1914-18) involving Great Britain, France, Russia, the U.S., etc. on one side and Germany, Austria-Hungary, etc. on the other
World War II the war (1939-45) involving Great Britain, France, the Soviet Union, the U.S., etc. on one side and Germany, Italy, Japan, etc. on the other
world'-wea'ry *adj.* bored with living
world'wide' *adj., adv.* (extending) throughout the world
World Wide Web a group of Internet sources giving access to text, images, sound, etc.
worm (wʉrm) *n.* [< OE *wyrm*, serpent] **1** a long, slender, soft-bodied animal **2** an abject or contemptible person **3** something spiral in shape, etc., as the thread of a screw **4** [*pl.*] any disease caused by parasitic worms in the intestines, etc. —*vi.* to proceed like a worm, in a winding or devious manner —*vt.* **1** to bring about, get, make, etc. in a winding or devious manner **2** to purge of intestinal worms —**worm'y, -i·er, -i·est,** *adj.*
worm gear a gear consisting of a rotating screw meshed with a toothed wheel
worm'wood' (-wood') *n.* [< OE *wermod*] a strong-smelling plant that yields a bitter-tasting oil formerly used in making absinthe
worn (wôrn) *vt., vi. pp. of* WEAR —*adj.* **1** damaged by use or wear **2** showing the effects of worry or anxiety
worn'-out' *adj.* **1** used until no longer effective, usable, etc. **2** exhausted; tired out
wor·ri·ment (wʉr'ē mənt) *n.* (a) worry
wor'ri·some (-səm) *adj.* causing worry
wor·ry (wʉr'ē) *vt.* **-ried, -ry·ing** [< OE *wyrgan*, to strangle] **1** to treat roughly, as with continual biting *[a dog worrying a bone]* **2** to annoy, bother, etc. **3** to make troubled or uneasy —*vi.* **1** to bite or tear (*at* an object) **2** to be anxious, troubled, etc. —*n., pl.* **-ries** **1** a troubled state of mind; anxiety **2** a cause of this —**wor'ri·er** *n.*
wor'ry·wart' (-wôrt') *n.* [prec. + WART] [Inf.] one who tends to worry, esp. over trivial matters
worse (wʉrs) *adj.* [OE *wiersa*] **1** *compar. of* BAD[1] & ILL **2** *a*) bad, evil, harmful, etc. in a greater degree *b*) of inferior quality **3** in poorer health; more ill **4** in a less satisfactory condition —*adv.* **1** *compar. of* BADLY & ILL **2**

in a worse manner **3** to a worse extent —***n.*** that which is worse —**worse off** in worse circumstances

wor·sen (wur′sən) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** to make or become worse

wor·ship (wur′ship) ***n.*** [< OE *weorthscipe*] **1** a service or rite showing reverence for a deity **2** intense love or admiration **3** [**W-**] [Chiefly Brit.] a title of honor: used in addressing magistrates, etc. —***vt.*** **-shiped** or **-shipped**, **-ship·ing** or **-ship·ping** **1** to show religious reverence for **2** to have intense love or admiration for —***vi.*** to engage in worship —**wor′ship·er** or **wor′ship·per** ***n.***

wor′ship·ful (-fəl) ***adj.*** feeling or offering great devotion or respect

worst (wurst) ***adj.*** [OE *wyrsta*] **1** *superl. of* BAD[1] & ILL **2** *a*) bad, evil, harmful, etc. in the highest degree *b*) of the lowest quality **3** in the least satisfactory condition —***adv.*** **1** *superl. of* BADLY & ILL **2** in the worst manner **3** to the worst extent —***n.*** that which is worst —***vt.*** to defeat —**at worst** under the worst circumstances —**if (the) worst comes to (the) worst** if the worst possible thing happens —**(in) the worst way** [Slang] very much; greatly

wor·sted (woos′tid, wur′stid) ***n.*** [after *Worstead*, England] **1** a smooth, firmly twisted wool thread or yarn **2** fabric made from this

wort (wurt) ***n.*** [OE *wyrt-*] a liquid, produced from malt, that can be fermented to make beer, etc.

worth (wurth) ***n.*** [OE *weorth*] **1** material value, esp. as expressed in terms of money **2** importance, value, merit, etc. **3** the quantity to be had for a given sum *[*a dollar's *worth]* —***prep.*** **1** deserving or worthy of **2** equal in value to **3** having wealth amounting to

worth′less ***adj.*** without worth or merit; useless —**worth′less·ness** ***n.***

worth′while′ ***adj.*** worth the time or effort spent

wor·thy (wur′*th*ē) ***adj.*** **-thi·er**, **-thi·est** **1** having worth, value, or merit **2** meriting —***n.***, *pl.* **-thies** a person of outstanding worth, etc. —**wor′thi·ly** ***adv.*** —**wor′thi·ness** ***n.***

would (wood) ***v.aux.*** [OE *wolde*] **1** *pt. of* WILL[2] **2** used to express a supposition or condition *[*he *would* write if he knew you *would* answer*]* **3** used to make a polite request *[would* you please open the window?*]* —***vt.*** [Old Poet.] I wish *[would* that she were here*]* See usage note at WILL[2]

would′-be′ ***adj.*** **1** wishing or pretending to be **2** intended to be

wound[1] (wo͞ond) ***n.*** [OE *wund*] **1** an injury in which tissue is cut, torn, etc. **2** any hurt to the feelings, honor, etc. —***vt.***, ***vi.*** to inflict a wound (on or upon); injure

wound[2] (wound) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** *pt. & pp. of* WIND[1]

wove (wōv) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** *pt. & alt. pp. of* WEAVE

wo·ven (wō′vən) ***vt.***, ***vi.*** *alt. pp. of* WEAVE

wow (wou) ***interj.*** used to express surprise, pleasure, etc. —***vt.*** [Slang] to arouse enthusiasm in

wpm *abbrev.* words per minute

wrack (rak) ***n.*** [< MDu *wrak*, a wreck] *alt. sp. of* RACK[2]

wraith (rāth) ***n.*** [Scot] a ghost

wran·gle (raŋ′gəl) ***vi.*** **-gled**, **-gling** [< OE *wringan*, to press] to argue; quarrel, esp. noisily —***n.*** a noisy dispute —**wran′gler** ***n.***

wran′gler (-glər) ***n.*** [< AmSp *caballerango*, a groom] a cowboy who herds livestock, esp. saddle horses —**wran′gle**, **-gled**, **-gling**, ***vt.***

wrap (rap) ***vt.*** **wrapped**, **wrap′ping** [ME *wrappen*] **1** to wind or fold (a covering) around something **2** to enclose and fasten in paper, etc. —***vi.*** to twine, coil, etc.: usually with *over, around*, etc. —***n.*** **1** an outer covering or garment **2** [*pl.*] secrecy; censorship *[*to keep plans under *wraps]* **3** *Film* the completion of the filming of a scene, etc. —**wrapped up in** engrossed in or involved in —**wrap up** [Inf.] to conclude; settle

wrap′per ***n.*** **1** one that wraps **2** that in which something is wrapped **3** a woman's dressing gown

wrap′ping ***n.*** [*often pl.*] the material in which something is wrapped

wrap′-up′ ***n.*** [Inf.] a concluding, summarizing statement, report, etc.

wrath (rath) ***n.*** [OE, angry] intense anger; rage; fury —**wrath′ful** ***adj.***

wreak (rēk) ***vt.*** [OE *wrecan*, to revenge] **1** to give vent to (one's anger, etc.) **2** to inflict (vengeance, etc.)

wreath (rēth) ***n.***, *pl.* **wreaths** (rē*th*z, rēths) [OE *writha*] **1** a twisted ring of leaves, flowers, etc. **2** something like this in shape *[wreaths* of smoke*]*

wreathe (rē*th*) ***vt.*** **wreathed**, **wreath′ing** **1** to form into a wreath **2** to coil or twist around; encircle **3** to decorate with wreaths

wreck (rek) ***n.*** [< ON *vrek*, driftwood] **1** a shipwreck **2** the remains of something destroyed **3** a run-down person **4** a wrecking or being wrecked —***vt.*** **1** to destroy or damage badly **2** to tear down (a building, etc.) **3** to overthrow or thwart

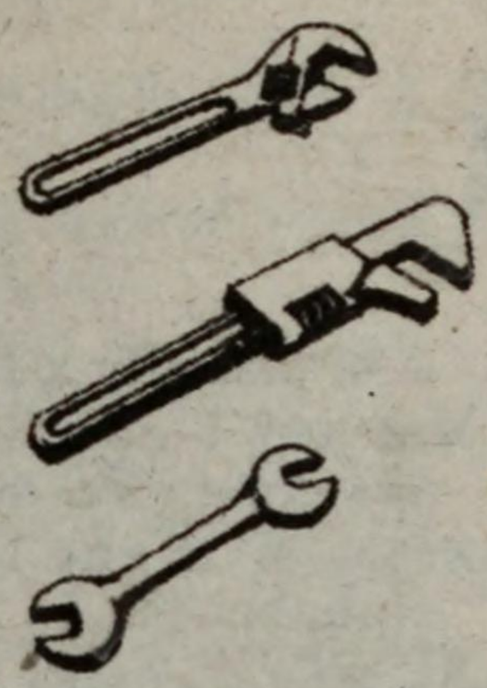
wreck′age ***n.*** **1** a wrecking or being wrecked **2** the remains of something wrecked

wreck′er ***n.*** **1** one who wrecks **2** one that salvages or removes wrecks

wren (ren) ***n.*** [OE *wrenna*] a small songbird with a stubby, erect tail

wrench (rench) ***n.*** [OE *wrenc*, a trick] **1** a sudden, sharp twist or pull **2** an injury caused by a twist, as to the back **3** a sudden feeling of grief, etc. **4** a tool for turning nuts, bolts, pipes, etc. —***vt.***

1 to twist or jerk violently 2 to injure with a twist 3 to distort (a meaning, etc.)



WRENCHES

wrest (rest) *vt.* ‖OE *wræstan*‖ 1 to pull or force away violently with a twisting motion 2 to take by force

wres·tle (res′əl; *often* ras′-) *vi., vt.* **-tled, -tling** ‖see prec.‖ 1 to struggle hand to hand with (an opponent) in an attempt to throw him or her 2 to contend (*with*) —*n.* a wrestling —**wres′tler** *n.*

wres′tling *n.* a sport in which the opponents wrestle, or struggle hand to hand

wretch (rech) *n.* ‖OE *wrecca*, an outcast‖ 1 a miserable or unhappy person 2 a despised person

wretch′ed *adj.* 1 very unhappy; miserable 2 distressing; dismal 3 poor in quality 4 contemptible —**wretch′ed·ly** *adv.* —**wretch′ed·ness** *n.*

wrig·gle (rig′əl) *vi.* **-gled, -gling** ‖medieval Low G *wriggeln*‖ 1 to twist and turn; squirm 2 to move along with a twisting motion 3 to make one's way by shifty means —*n.* a wriggling —**wrig′gler** *n.* —**wrig′gly, -gli·er, -gli·est,** *adj.*

wright (rīt) *n.* ‖< OE *wyrcan*, to work‖ one who makes or constructs: chiefly in compounds *[shipwright]*

wring (riŋ) *vt.* **wrung, wring′ing** ‖OE *wringan*‖ 1 *a*) to squeeze, press, or twist *b*) to force out (water, etc.) by this means (usually with *out*) 2 to clasp and twist (the hands) in distress 3 to clasp (another's hand) forcefully in greeting 4 to extract by force, threats, etc. —*n.* a wringing

wring′er *n.* a machine with rollers to squeeze water from wet clothes

wrin·kle[1] (riŋ′kəl) *n.* ‖ME *wrinkel*‖ 1 a small furrow in a normally smooth surface 2 a crease in the skin —*vt., vi.* **-kled, -kling** to form wrinkles (in); pucker; crease —**wrin′kly, -kli·er, -kli·est,** *adj.*

wrin·kle[2] (riŋ′kəl) *n.* ‖< OE *wrenc*, a trick‖ [Inf.] a clever innovation

wrist (rist) *n.* ‖OE‖ the joint between the hand and forearm —**a slap** (or **tap**) **on the wrist** a token punishment

wrist′band′ *n.* a band that goes around the wrist, as on a cuff

wrist′watch′ *n.* a watch worn on a strap or band around the wrist

writ (rit) *n.* ‖OE < *writan*, write‖ a formal legal document ordering or prohibiting some action

write (rīt) *vt.* **wrote, writ′ten, writ′ing** ‖OE *writan*‖ 1 to form (words, letters, etc.) on a surface, as with a pen 2 to compose (literary or musical material) 3 to communicate (with) in writing *[she wrote* (me) that she was ill*]* 4 to cover with writing *[to write* three pages*]* 5 to fill in (a bank check, etc.) 6 to show clearly *[*anger was *written* on his face*]* 7 *Comput.* to record (information) on a disk, etc. —*vi.* to produce writing —**write off** 1 to remove from accounts (bad debts, etc.) 2 to drop from consideration 3 to amortize —**write out** 1 to put into writing 2 to write in full —**write up** to write an account of

write′-in′ *n.* 1 a candidate whose name is not on the ballot, but is written in by a voter 2 a vote of this kind

write′-off′ *n.* a cancelled debt, amortized expense, etc.

writ′er *n.* one who writes, esp. as an occupation; author

write′-up′ *n.* [Inf.] a written report

writhe (rīth) *vi.* **writhed, writh′ing** ‖OE *writhan*, to twist‖ 1 to twist or turn; squirm *[*to *writhe* in agony*]* 2 to suffer great emotional distress

writ·ing (rīt′iŋ) *n.* 1 the act of one who writes 2 something written 3 written form 4 *short for* HANDWRITING

writ·ten (rit′′n) *vt., vi. pp. of* WRITE

wrong (rôŋ) *adj.* ‖< ON *rangr*, twisted‖ 1 not in accordance with justice, law, morality, etc. 2 not suitable or appropriate 3 *a*) contrary to fact, etc.; incorrect *b*) mistaken 4 not functioning properly 5 not meant to be seen *[*the *wrong* side of a fabric*]* —*adv.* in a wrong manner, direction, etc. —*n.* an unjust, immoral, or illegal act —*vt.* to treat badly or unjustly —**wrong′ly** *adv.* —**wrong′ness** *n.*

wrong′do′ing *n.* any wrong act or behavior —**wrong′do′er** *n.*

wrong′ful *adj.* 1 unjust or injurious 2 unlawful —**wrong′ful·ly** *adv.*

wrong′head′ed *adj.* stubborn or perverse —**wrong′head′ed·ly** *adv.* —**wrong′head′ed·ness** *n.*

wrote (rōt) *vt., vi. pt. of* WRITE

wroth (rôth) *adj.* ‖OE *wrath*‖ angry

wrought (rôt) *vi., vt. alt. pt. & pp. of* WORK —*adj.* 1 formed; made 2 shaped by hammering, etc.: said of metals

wrought iron tough, ductile iron containing very little carbon —**wrought′-i′ron** *adj.*

wrought′-up′ *adj.* very disturbed

wrung (ruŋ) *vt. pt. & pp. of* WRING

wry (rī) *adj.* **wri′er** or **wry′er, wri′est** or **wry′est** ‖< OE *wrigian*, to turn‖ 1 distorted in a grimace *[*a *wry* face*]* 2 ironic, dry, etc. *[wry* humor*]* —**wry′ly** *adv.* —**wry′ness** *n.*

wt *abbrev.* weight

Wu·han (wo͞o′hän′) city in EC China: pop. 3,288,000

wuss (woos) *n.* [Slang] a person who is regarded as weak, ineffectual, etc.; wimp: also **wuss′y**, *pl.* **wuss′ies**

WV West Virginia

WWI *abbrev.* World War I

WWII *abbrev.* World War II

WWW or **www** *abbrev.* World Wide Web

Wy·o·ming (wī ō′miŋ) Mountain State of the W U.S.: 97,105 sq. mi.; pop. 454,000; cap. Cheyenne: abbrev. **WY** —**Wy·o′ming·ite′** *n.*

X

x[1] or **X** (eks) ***n.***, *pl.* **x's, X's** **1** the 24th letter of the English alphabet **2** *Math.* an unknown quantity

x[2] *abbrev.* extra: also **X**

x[3] (eks) *symbol* **1** by (in indicating dimensions) *[3 ft. x 4 ft.]* **2** *Optics* the power of magnification **3** *Math.* times *[2 x 3 = 6]*

X (eks) ***n.*** **1** the Roman numeral 10 **2** a film rating meaning that no one under seventeen is to be admitted

X chromosome *see* SEX CHROMOSOME

Xe *Chem. symbol for* xenon

xe·non (zē′nän′) ***n.*** a colorless, nonreactive, gaseous chemical element

xen·o·pho·bi·a (zen′ə fō′bē ə) ***n.*** [< Gr *xenos*, foreign + -PHOBIA] fear or hatred of strangers or foreigners —**xen′o·phobe′** (-fōb′) ***n.*** —**xen′o·pho′bic** (-fō′bik) ***adj.***

xe·rog·ra·phy (zir äg′rə fē) ***n.*** [< Gr *xēros*, dry + -GRAPHY] a process for copying printed material, etc. by the action of light on an electrically charged surface

Xe·rox (zir′äks′) *trademark for* a device for copying by xerography —***vt.***, ***vi.*** [*usually* **x-**] to reproduce by xerography —***n.*** [*usually* **x-**] a copy so made

Xer·xes I (zʉrk′sēz′) 519?-465 B.C.; king of Persia (486-465)

xi (zī, sī) ***n.*** the 14th letter of the Greek alphabet (Ξ, ξ)

XL *abbrev.* extra large

X·mas (eks′məs) ***n.*** *inf. var. of* CHRISTMAS

X-rat·ed (eks′rāt′əd) ***adj.*** designating or like a film with a rating of X; explicit, obscene, etc.

X-ray (eks′rā′) ***n.*** **1** a type of electromagnetic wave of very short wavelength, that can penetrate solid substances: used to study internal body structures and treat various disorders **2** a photograph made by means of X-rays —***adj.*** of or by X-rays —***vt.*** to examine, treat, or photograph with X-rays Also **X ray**, **x-ray**, or **x ray**

XS *abbrev.* extra small

xy·lem (zī′ləm) ***n.*** [< Gr *xylon*, wood] the woody vascular tissue of a plant

xy·lo·phone (zī′lə fōn′) ***n.*** [< Gr *xylon*, wood + -PHONE] a musical percussion instrument consisting of a series of graduated wooden bars that are struck with small, wooden mallets —**xy′lo·phon′ist** (-fō′nist, zī läf′ə nist) ***n.***

Y

y or **Y** (wī) ***n.***, *pl.* **y's, Y's** the 25th letter of the English alphabet

Y *Chem. symbol for* yttrium

-y[1] (ē, i) [ME] *suffix* little one, dear *[kitty, daddy]*

-y[2] (ē, i) [OE *-ig*] *suffix* **1** full of, like *[dirty]* **2** somewhat *[yellowy]* **3** tending to *[sticky]*

-y[3] (ē, i) [< L *-ia*] *suffix* **1** quality or condition *[jealousy]* **2** a (specified) kind of shop, goods, or group *[bakery]*

-y[4] (ē, i) [< L *-ium*] *suffix* action of *[inquiry]*

yacht (yät) ***n.*** [Du *jacht*] a small vessel for pleasure cruises, racing, etc.

yacht′ing (-iŋ) ***n.*** the sport of sailing a yacht —**yachts′man** (-mən), *pl.* **-men** (-mən), ***n.***

ya·hoo (yä′hʉ̄′) ***n.*** [after a race of people in Swift's novel *Gulliver's Travels*] a person regarded as vulgar, uneducated, etc.

Yah·weh or **Yah·we** (yä′we, -wā) ***n.*** [< Heb] God

yak[1] (yak) ***n.*** [< Tibet *g-yag*] a long-haired wild ox of Tibet and central Asia

yak[2] (yak) [Slang] ***vi.*** **yakked, yak′king** [echoic] to talk much or idly —***n.*** a yakking

yam (yam) ***n.*** [< WAfr native name] **1** the edible, starchy, tuberous root of a tropical climbing plant **2** an orange-colored variety of sweet potato

yam·mer (yam′ər) ***vi.*** [< OE *geomerian*, to lament] **1** to shout, yell, etc. **2** to talk loudly or continuously —**yam′mer·er** ***n.***

yang (yäŋ, yaŋ) ***n.*** [Chin] in Chinese philosophy, the masculine force or principle in the universe: cf. YIN

Yan·gon (yan gôn′) capital of Myanmar: pop. 2,513,000

Yang·tze (yaŋk′sē) *a former transliteration of* CHANG

yank (yaŋk) ***n.***, ***vt.***, ***vi.*** [< ?] [Inf.] jerk

Yank (yaŋk) ***n.*** [Slang] a Yankee; esp., a U.S. soldier in WWI and WWII

Yan·kee (yaŋ′kē) ***n.*** [< ? Du *Jan Kees*, a disparaging nickname] **1** a New Englander **2** a person born or living in the northern U.S. **3** a citizen of the U.S. —***adj.*** of or like Yankees

yap (yap) ***vi.*** **yapped, yap′ping** [echoic] **1** to make a sharp, shrill bark **2** [Slang] to talk noisily and stupidly —***n.*** **1** a sharp, shrill bark **2** [Slang] *a*) jabber *b*) the mouth

yard[1] (yärd) ***n.*** [OE *gierd*, rod] **1** a measure of length, 3 feet or 36 inches **2** *Naut.* a slender rod or spar fastened across a mast to support a sail

yard[2] (yärd) ***n.*** [OE *geard*, enclosure] **1** the ground around or next to a building

2 an enclosed place for a particular purpose *[shipyard]*

yard'age *n.* **1** measurement in yards **2** the extent so measured

yard'arm' *n. Naut.* either half of a yard supporting a square sail, etc.

yard goods textiles made in standard widths, usually sold by the yard

yard·man (yärd'man', -mən) *n., pl.* **-men'** (-men', -mən) a person who works in a yard

yard'stick' *n.* **1** a graduated measuring stick one yard long **2** any standard used in judging, etc.

yar·mul·ke (yär'məl kə, yä'-) *n.* [Yiddish < Pol] a skullcap traditionally worn by Jewish men, as at prayer: also **yar'mel·ke**

yarn (yärn) *n.* [OE *gearn*] **1** fibers of wool, cotton, etc. spun into strands for weaving, knitting, etc. **2** [Inf.] a tale or story

yat·ter (yat'ər) [Slang] *vi.* [prob. < YA(K)^2 + (CHA)TTER] to talk idly about trivial things —*n.* idle talk; chatter

yaw (yô) *vi.* [ON *jaga*, to sway] **1** to swing back and forth across its course, as a ship does when pushed by high waves **2** to rotate or oscillate about the vertical axis: said of a spacecraft, etc. —*n.* a yawing

yawl (yôl) *n.* [< Du *jol*] a small, two-masted sailboat rigged fore-and-aft

yawn (yôn) *vi.* [ME *yanen*] **1** to open the mouth wide involuntarily and inhale, as when one is sleepy or bored **2** to open wide —*n.* a yawning

yaws (yôz) *n.* [of WInd origin] an infectious skin disease of the tropics

yay (yā) *adv.* **1** YEA (*adv.* 1) **2** [Inf.] this; so: often with a gesture indicating size —*interj.* YEA

Y chromosome *see* SEX CHROMOSOME

y·clept or **y-clept** (ē klept') *vt.* [<OE *clipian*, to call] [Archaic] called; named: also sp. **y·cleped'**

yd *abbrev.* yard(s): also, for the plural, **yds**

ye^1 (*th*ə, *th*i, *th*ē; *now often erroneously or facetiously* yē) ***adj., definite article*** *archaic var. of* THE

ye^2 (yē) ***pron.*** [OE *ge*] [Archaic] YOU

yea (yā) ***adv.*** [OE *gea*] **1** yes **2** indeed; truly —*n.* **1** an affirmative vote **2** a person voting in the affirmative —*interj.* [Inf.] hurrah: a shout used in cheering for a team

yeah (ya, ye) ***adv.*** [Inf.] yes

year (yir) *n.* [OE *gear*] **1** a period of 365 days (366 days in leap year), divided into 12 months beginning Jan. 1 **2** the period (365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes, and 46 seconds) of one revolution of the earth around the sun: also **solar year** **3** a period of 12 calendar months reckoned from any date **4** an annual period of less than 365 days *[a school year]* **5** [*pl.*] *a*) age *[old for his years]* *b*) a long time *[years ago]* —**year after year** every year

year'book' *n.* an annual book; specif., *a*) a book giving data of the preceding year *b*) a publication of the graduating class of a school or college

year'ling *n.* an animal in its second year

year'ly *adj.* **1** done, happening, appearing, etc. once a year, or every year *[a yearly event]* **2** of a year, or of each year —***adv.*** every year

yearn (yurn) *vi.* [< OE *georn*, eager] to be filled with longing or desire —**yearn'ing** *n.*

year'-round' *adj.* open, in use, operating, etc. throughout the year

yea'say'er *n.* one having a positive attitude toward life

yeast (yēst) *n.* [OE *gist*] **1** a moist, yellowish mass of certain fungi that cause fermentation: used in making beer, etc., and as leavening in baking **2** yeast dried in flakes or granules or compressed into cakes **3** ferment; agitation

yeast'y *adj.* **-i·er, -i·est** **1** of, like, or containing yeast **2** in a ferment; restless

yegg (yeg) *n.* [< ?] [Old Slang] a burglar, etc.

yell (yel) *vi., vt.* [OE *giellan*] to cry out loudly; scream —*n.* **1** a loud outcry **2** a rhythmic cheer in unison

yel·low (yel'ō) *adj.* [OE *geolu*] **1** of the color of ripe lemons **2** having a somewhat yellow skin **3** [Inf.] cowardly **4** sensational: said as of a newspaper —*n.* **1** a yellow color **2** an egg yolk —*vi.* to become yellow —**yel'low·ish** *adj.*

yellow fever an infectious tropical disease caused by a virus transmitted by the bite of a certain mosquito

yellow jacket a wasp or hornet having bright-yellow markings

Yel'low·knife' capital of Northwest Territories, Canada: pop. 17,000

Yellow River HUANG

Yellow Sea arm of the East China Sea, between China & Korea

yelp (yelp) *vi.* [OE *gielpan*, to boast] to utter a short, sharp cry or bark, as a dog does —*n.* a short, sharp cry or bark

Yel·tsin (yelt'sin), **Bor·is** (bôr'is) 1931- ; president of Russia (1990-99)

Yem·en (yem'ən) country in S Arabia, formed (1990) by the merger of the **Yemen Arab Republic** and a country directly east of it, the **People's Democratic Republic of Yemen**: 214,287 sq. mi.; pop. 13,000,000 —**Yem'en·ite'** or **Yem'e·ni** (-ə nē) ***adj., n.***

yen^1 (yen) *n., pl.* **yen** [Jpn] the monetary unit of Japan

yen^2 (yen) *n.* [prob. < Chin *yan*, opium] [Inf.] a strong longing or desire

yeo·man (yō'mən) *n., pl.* **-men** (-mən) [ME *yeman*] **1** [Brit. Historical] a freeholder of a class below the gentry **2** *U.S. Navy* a petty officer assigned to clerical duty

yeo'man·ry *n.* yeomen collectively

yes (yes) ***adv.*** [OE *gese*] **1** aye; yea; it is so: expressing agreement, consent, etc. **2** not only that, but more *[ready, yes, eager to help]* —*n., pl.* **yes'es** an act of saying *yes*; an affirmative reply, vote, etc. —*vt., vi.* **yessed, yes'sing** to say *yes* (to)

ye·shi·va (yə shē'və; *Heb* ye shē vä') *n., pl.* **-vas** or Heb. **-vot'** (-vōt') [Heb, lit.,

act of sitting] a Jewish school combining religious and secular studies

yes man [Slang] one who is always approving what is said by a superior

yes·ter·day (yes′tər dā′) ***n.*** [OE *geostran*, yesterday + *dæg*, day] **1** the day before today **2** a recent day or time —***adv.*** **1** on the day before today **2** recently

yes′ter·year′ (-yir′) ***n., adv.*** **1** last year **2** (in) past years

yet (yet) ***adv.*** [OE *giet*] **1** up to now; thus far *[he hasn't gone yet]* **2** at the present time; now *[we can't go just yet]* **3** still *[there is yet a chance]* **4** in addition; even *[he was yet more kind]* **5** nevertheless *[she's kind, yet shy]* —***conj.*** but *[she seems well, yet she is ill]* —**as yet** up to now

yew (yo͞o) ***n.*** [OE *iw*] **1** an evergreen tree with flattened needle leaves **2** its wood

Yid·dish (yid′ish) ***n.*** [< Ger *jüdisch*, < L *Judaeus*, Jew] a language derived from medieval High German, written in the Hebrew alphabet and spoken esp. by East European Jews

yield (yēld) ***vt.*** [OE *gieldan*, to pay] **1** to produce as a crop, result, profit, etc. **2** to surrender **3** to concede —***vi.*** **1** to produce **2** to surrender **3** to give way to physical force **4** to lose precedence, etc.: often with *to* —***n.*** the amount yielded

yield′ing ***adj.*** **1** flexible **2** submissive

yin (yin) ***n.*** [Chin] in Chinese philosophy, the feminine force or principle in the universe: cf. YANG

yip (yip) ***n.*** [echoic] [Inf.] a yelp, or bark —***vi.*** **yipped**, **yip′ping** [Inf.] to yelp, or bark

YMCA *abbrev.* Young Men's Christian Association

yo (yō) ***interj.*** [Inf.] used as to gain attention, greet someone, emphasize a remark, etc.

yo·del (yōd′l) ***vt., vi.*** **-deled** or **-delled**, **-del·ing** or **-del·ling** [Ger *jodeln*] to sing with abrupt alternating changes to the falsetto —***n.*** a yodeling

yo·ga (yō′gə) ***n.*** [Sans, union] a mystic and ascetic Hindu discipline for achieving union with the supreme spirit through meditation, prescribed postures, controlled breathing, etc.

yo·gi (yō′gē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-gis** one who practices yoga: also **yo′gin** (-gin)

yo·gurt (yō′gərt) ***n.*** [Turk *yoğurt*] a thick, somewhat solid food made from fermented milk: also **yo′ghurt**

yoke (yōk) ***n.*** [OE *geoc*] **1** a wooden frame for harnessing together a pair of oxen, etc. **2** such a pair harnessed together **3** bondage; servitude **4** anything like a yoke, as something that binds or unites, or a part of a garment fitted to the shoulders or hips as a support for the gathered parts below —***vt.*** **yoked**, **yok′ing** **1** to harness (an animal) to (a plow, etc.) **2** to join together

yo·kel (yō′kəl) ***n.*** a person living in a rural area; bumpkin: a contemptuous term

Yo·ko·ha·ma (yō′kə hä′mə) seaport in S Honshu, Japan: pop. 2,774,000

yolk (yōk) ***n.*** [OE *geolca*] the yellow, principal substance of an egg

Yom Kip·pur (yäm′ ki po͝or′) the Day of Atonement: a major Jewish holiday and a day of fasting

yon (yän) ***adj., adv.*** [OE *geon*] [Now Chiefly Dial.] yonder

yon·der (yän′dər) ***adj., adv.*** [ME] (being) at or in that (specified or relatively distant) place; over there

Yon·kers (yäŋ′kərz) city in SE New York: pop. 188,000

yoo-hoo (yo͞o′ho͞o′) ***interj., n.*** (a shout or call) used to attract someone's attention

yore (yôr) ***adv.*** [OE *geara*] [Obs.] long ago —**of yore** formerly

you (yo͞o) ***pron.***, *pl.* **you** [OE *eow* < *ge*, YE[2]] **1** the person or persons spoken to **2** a person or people generally; one *[you can never tell!]*

young (yuŋ) ***adj.*** **young′er** (-gər), **young′est** (-gəst) [OE *geong*] **1** being in an early period of life or growth **2** youthful; fresh; vigorous **3** in an early stage **4** inexperienced; immature —***n.*** **1** young people: often with *the* **2** young offspring —**with young** pregnant —**young′ish** ***adj.***

young adult an age group, from about 12 to about 18 years of age, used as a reader category as in libraries

young blood **1** young people; youth **2** youthful strength, vigor, etc.

young′ster ***n.*** a child or youth

your (yo͝or; *often* yôr) ***poss. pronominal adj.*** [OE *eower*] of, belonging to, or done by you: also used before some titles *[Your Honor]*

you're (yo͝or, yo͝or) *contr.* you are

yours (yo͝orz; *often* yôrz) ***pron.*** that or those belonging to you: possessive form of YOU *[that book is yours; yours are better]*

your·self (yo͝or self′, yər-) ***pron.***, *pl.* **-selves′** (-selvz′) a form of YOU, used as an intensive *[you said so yourself]*, as a reflexive *[you hurt yourself]*, or with the meaning "your true self" *[you are not yourself today]*

yours truly **1** a phrase used in ending a letter **2** [Inf.] I or me

youth (yo͞oth) ***n.***, *pl.* **youths** (yo͞o*th*z, yo͞oths) [OE *geoguthe*] **1** the state or quality of being young **2** the period of adolescence **3** an early stage of growth or existence **4** young people collectively **5** a young person; esp., a young man

youth′ful ***adj.*** **1** young; not yet old or mature **2** of, like, or fit for youth **3** fresh; vigorous **4** new; early —**youth′ful·ly** ***adv.*** —**youth′ful·ness** ***n.***

yowl (youl) ***vi., n.*** [< ON *gaula*] howl or wail

yo-yo (yō′yō′) ***n.***, *pl.* **yo′-yos′** [< ?] **1** a spool-like toy reeled up and let down by a string **2** [Slang] a person regarded as stupid, inept, etc. —***vi.*** [Inf.] to move up and down; fluctuate

yr *abbrev.* **1** year(s) **2** your

yrs *abbrev.* **1** years **2** yours

YT Yukon Territory

yt·tri·um (i′trē əm) ***n.*** a rare, silvery, metallic chemical element: used in color TV tubes, etc.

Yu·ca·tán or **Yu·ca·tan** (yo͞o′kə tan′) state of Mexico, on a peninsula separating the Gulf of Mexico from the Caribbean: 15,189 sq. mi.; pop. 1,363,000

yuc·ca (yuk′ə) ***n.*** [< AmSp *yuca*] **1** a desert plant with stiff leaves and white flowers **2** its flower

yuck[1] (yuk) ***n., vi.*** *alt. sp. of* YUK

yuck[2] (yuk) [Slang] ***n.*** something unpleasant, disgusting, etc. —***interj.*** used to express distaste, disgust, etc. —**yuck′y, -i·er, -i·est,** ***adj.***

Yu·go·slav·i·a (yo͞o′gō slä′vē ə, -gə-) country in the NW Balkan Peninsula: four republics separated from it in 1991: 39,449 sq. mi.; pop. 10,394,000 —**Yu′go·slav′** or **Yu′go·sla′vi·an** ***adj., n.***

yuk (yuk) ***n.*** [echoic] [Slang] a loud laugh of amusement, or something causing such a laugh —***vi.*** **yukked, yuk′king** [Slang] to laugh loudly

Yu·kon (yo͞o′kän′) territory of NW Canada, east of Alaska: 186,661 sq. mi.; pop. 31,000; cap. Whitehorse: abbrev. *YT*: usually used with *the*: in full **Yukon Territory**

yule (yo͞ol) ***n.*** [OE *geol*] [*often* **Y-**] Christmas or the Christmas season

yule′tide′ (-tīd′) ***n.*** [*often* **Y-**] the Christmas season

yum·my (yum′ē) ***adj.*** **-mi·er, -mi·est** [Inf.] very tasty; delectable

yup (yup) ***adv.*** [Slang] yes: an affirmative reply

yup·pie (yup′ē) ***n.*** [< *y(oung) u(rban) p(rofessional)*] [Inf.] a young professional regarded as affluent, ambitious, materialistic, etc.

YWCA *abbrev.* Young Women's Christian Association

Z

z or **Z** (zē; *Brit* zed) ***n.***, *pl.* **z's, Z's** the 26th and last letter of the English alphabet

zaf·tig (zäf′tig) ***adj.*** [< Yiddish *zaft*, juice] [Slang] having a full, shapely figure: said of a woman

Za·ire or **Za·ïre** (zä ir′) **1** CONGO (River) **2** *former name for Democratic Republic of the Congo*: see CONGO

Zam·bi·a (zam′bē ə) country in S Africa: 290,586 sq. mi.; pop. 7,818,000

Zam·bo·ni (zam bō′nē) *trademark for* a machine like a tractor, used to smooth the ice in a rink

za·ny (zā′nē) ***n.***, *pl.* **-nies** [< It dial. *zanni*, < *Giovanni*, John] a silly or foolish person —***adj.*** **-ni·er, -ni·est** foolish or crazy —**za′ni·ness** ***n.***

Zan·zi·bar (zan′zə bär′) island off the E coast of Africa: part of Tanzania

zap (zap) ***vt., vi.*** **zapped, zap′ping** [echoic] [Slang] to move, strike, stun, kill, etc. suddenly and with great speed and force —***interj.*** used to signify sudden, swift action or change

zeal (zēl) ***n.*** [< Gr *zēlos*] strong interest or devotion; intense enthusiasm; fervor

zeal·ot (zel′ət) ***n.*** one who shows zeal, esp. fanatic zeal

zeal·ous (zel′əs) ***adj.*** of or showing zeal; fervent —**zeal′ous·ly** ***adv.*** —**zeal′ous·ness** ***n.***

ze·bra (zē′brə) ***n.*** [Port] an African mammal related to the horse and having dark stripes on a white or tawny body

ze·bu (zē′byo͞o′) ***n.*** [Fr *zébu* < ?] a domesticated ox of Asia and Africa

zed (zed) ***n.*** [< Gr *zēta*] [Brit.] the letter Z, z

zeit·geist (tsīt′gīst′) ***n.*** [Ger, time spirit] the trend of thought and feeling in a period

Zen (zen) ***n.*** [Jpn ult. < Sans *dhyāna*, thinking] a variety of Buddhism in which enlightenment is sought through introspection and intuition

ze·nith (zē′nith) ***n.*** [ult. < L *semita*, path] **1** the point in the sky directly overhead **2** the highest point

zeph·yr (zef′ər) ***n.*** [< Gr *zephyros*] a breeze

zep·pe·lin (zep′ə lin, zep′lin) ***n.*** [after Count F. von *Zeppelin* (1838-1917), its Ger designer] [*often* **Z-**] a type of rigid airship designed around 1900

ze·ro (zir′ō, zē′rō) ***n.***, *pl.* **-ros** or **-roes** [< Ar *ṣifr*, cipher] **1** the symbol 0, representing the absence of any quantity or magnitude; cipher; naught **2** the point, marked 0, from which quantities are reckoned on a graduated scale **3** nothing **4** the lowest point —***adj.*** of or at zero —**zero in on** to concentrate attention on; focus on

zero hour **1** the time set for beginning an attack, etc. **2** any crucial moment

zero (population) growth a condition of equilibrium in a given population, in which the birthrate equals the death rate

ze′ro-sum′ (-sum′) ***adj.*** of or being a situation in which a gain for one must result in a loss for another or others

zest (zest) ***n.*** [Fr *zeste*, orange peel] **1** a thin piece of orange or lemon peel used as flavoring **2** stimulating quality **3** keen enjoyment *[a zest for life]* —**zest′ful** ***adj.***

ze·ta (zāt′ə) ***n.*** the sixth letter of the Greek alphabet (Z, ζ)

Zeus (zo͞os, zyo͞os) ***n.*** *Gr. Myth.* the chief deity

zig·gu·rat (zig′o͞o rat′) ***n.*** [< Assyrian *ziqqurratu*] an ancient Assyrian or Babylonian temple tower in the form of a terraced pyramid

zig·zag (zig′zag′) ***n.*** [Fr] **1** a series of short, sharp angles in alternate direc-

tions **2** a design, path, etc. in this form —***adj.*** having the form of a zigzag —***adv.*** in a zigzag course —***vt., vi.*** **-zagged′**, **-zag′ging** to form or move in a zigzag

zilch (zilch) ***n.*** ⟦nonsense syllable⟧ [Slang] nothing; zero

zil·lion (zil′yən) ***n.*** ⟦< MILLION⟧ [Inf.] a very large, indefinite number

Zim·ba·bwe (zim bäb′wā′) country in S Africa, north of South Africa: 150,872 sq. mi.; pop. 10,402,000

zinc (ziŋk) ***n.*** ⟦Ger *zink*⟧ a bluish-white, metallic chemical element, used in alloys, as a protective coating for iron, etc.

zinc oxide a white powder used in making rubber articles, cosmetics, ointments, etc.

zin·fan·del (zin′fən del′) ***n.*** ⟦< ?⟧ a dry red wine made chiefly in California

zing (ziŋ) ***n.*** ⟦echoic⟧ [Slang] **1** a shrill, high-pitched sound, as of something moving fast **2** zest, vigor, etc.

zing′er ***n.*** [Slang] **1** a clever, witty remark **2** a sharp, usually critical remark

zin·ni·a (zin′ē ə, zin′yə) ***n.*** ⟦after J. G. *Zinn* (1727-59), Ger botanist⟧ a plant having colorful composite flowers

Zi·on[1] (zī′ən) ***n.*** ⟦< fol.⟧ **1** the Jewish people **2** heaven

Zi·on[2] (zī′ən) **1** a hill in Jerusalem, site of Solomon's Temple **2** Jerusalem **3** Israel

Zi′on·ism′ ***n.*** a movement formerly for reestablishing, now for supporting, the state of Israel —**Zi′on·ist** ***n., adj.***

zip (zip) ***n.*** ⟦echoic⟧ **1** a short, sharp hissing or whizzing sound **2** [Inf.] energy; vigor —***vi.*** **zipped**, **zip′ping** **1** to make, or move with, a zip **2** [Inf.] to move with speed —***vt.*** to fasten with a zipper

ZIP Code (zip) ⟦*Z(one) I(mprovement) P(lan)*⟧ *trademark for* a system of code numbers assigned by the postal service: each code designates a delivery area —[*usually* **zip c-**] such a code number, containing five or nine digits

zip·per (zip′ər) ***n.*** a device used to fasten and unfasten two edges of material, as on clothing: it consists of two rows of interlocking tabs worked by a sliding part

zip′py ***adj.*** **-pi·er**, **-pi·est** [Inf.] full of energy; brisk

zir·con (zʉr′kän′) ***n.*** ⟦ult. < Pers *zar*, gold⟧ a crystalline silicate mineral, used as a gem

zir·co·ni·um (zər kō′nē əm) ***n.*** a ductile, metallic chemical element used in alloys, ceramics, etc.

zit (zit) ***n.*** [Slang] a pimple, esp. one on the face

zith·er (zith′ər, zi*th*′-) ***n.*** ⟦< Gr *kithara*, lute⟧ any of various musical instruments with strings stretched across a flat soundboard and plucked, bowed, struck with mallets, etc., as the dulcimer

Zn *Chem. symbol for* zinc

zo·di·ac (zō′dē ak′) ***n.*** ⟦< Gr *zōdiakos* (*kyklos*), (circle) of animals⟧ **1** an imaginary belt across the sky extending on either side of the apparent path of the sun and divided into twelve equal parts, or signs, named for constellations **2** a diagram representing this —**zo·di′a·cal** (-dī′ə kəl) ***adj.***

zom·bie (zäm′bē) ***n.*** ⟦of Afr orig.⟧ **1** in folklore, an animated corpse **2** [Slang] a person who is listless, machine-like, etc. Also **zom′bi**

zone (zōn) ***n.*** ⟦Fr < Gr *zōnē*⟧ **1** an encircling band, stripe, etc. **2** any of the five great latitudinal divisions of the earth's surface: see TORRID ZONE, TEMPERATE ZONE, and FRIGID ZONE **3** any area with reference to a specified use or restriction *[*a canal *zone*, war *zone]* —***vt.*** **zoned**, **zon′ing** to mark off into zones —**in the** (or **a**) **zone** [Inf.] in a state producing high achievement, seemingly beyond explanation —**zon′al** ***adj.***

zonked (zôŋkt, zäŋkt) ***adj.*** [Slang] **1** highly intoxicated or under the influence of a drug **2** exhausted

zoo (zo͞o) ***n.*** ⟦< *zoo(logical garden)*⟧ **1** a place where wild animals are kept for public showing **2** [Slang] a place of confusion, disorder, etc.

zoo- ⟦< Gr *zōion*, animal⟧ *combining form* animal(s) *[zoology]*

zo·ol·o·gy (zō äl′ə jē) ***n.*** ⟦ModL *zoologia*: see prec. & -LOGY⟧ the science that deals with animals and animal life —**zo′o·log′i·cal** (-ə läj′i kəl) ***adj.*** —**zo·ol′o·gist** ***n.***

zoom (zo͞om) ***vi.*** ⟦echoic⟧ **1** to make a loud, low-pitched, buzzing sound **2** to climb in an airplane suddenly and sharply **3** to move speedily upward or forward **4** to focus with a zoom lens —***vt.*** to cause to zoom —***n.*** a zooming

zoom lens a system of lenses, as in a film or TV camera, that can be rapidly adjusted for close-up or distant shots while keeping the image in focus

zo·o·phyte (zō′ə fīt′) ***n.*** ⟦ult. < Gr *zōion*, an animal + *phyton*, a plant⟧ any animal, as a coral or sponge, that looks and grows somewhat like a plant —**zo′o·phyt′ic** (-fit′ik) ***adj.***

Zo·ro·as·ter (zō′rō as′tər) *c.* 6th or 7th c. B.C.; Pers. founder of Zoroastrianism

Zo·ro·as·tri·an·ism (zō′rō as′trē ən iz′əm) ***n.*** the religion of the ancient Persians before Islam

Zr *Chem. symbol for* zirconium

zuc·chi·ni (zo͞o kē′nē) ***n., pl.*** **-ni** or **-nis** ⟦It⟧ a summer squash that looks like a cucumber

Zu·lu (zo͞o′lo͞o) ***n.*** **1** *pl.* **-lus** or **-lu** a member of a people living in South Africa **2** the language of this people —***adj.*** of the Zulus or their language, etc.

Zu·ni (zo͞o′nē) ***n.*** **1** *pl.* **-nis** or **-ni** a member of a pueblo-dwelling North American Indian people of W New Mexico **2** the language of this people Also, formerly, **Zu·ñi** (zo͞on′yē)

Zur·ich (zo͝or′ik) city in N Switzerland: pop. 353,000

zwie·back (swē′bak′, swī′-) ***n.*** ⟦Ger < *zwie-*, twice + *backen*, to bake⟧ a kind of biscuit that is sliced and toasted after

baking

zy·de·co (zī′də kō′) *n.* [< ?] a heavily syncopated dance music of S Louisiana, containing elements of blues, white Cajun music, etc.

zy·gote (zī′gōt′) *n.* [< Gr *zygon,* a yoke] a cell formed by the union of male and female gametes

zymo- [< Gr *zymē,* a leaven] *combining form* fermentation: also **zym-**

zy·mur·gy (zī′mər jē) *n.* [prec. + -URGY] the chemistry of fermentation, as applied in brewing, etc.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Linear

12 inches	= 1 foot
3 feet	= 1 yard
5.5 yards	= 1 rod
40 rods	= 1 furlong
8 furlongs	= 1 mile

Liquid

16 ounces	= 1 pint
2 pints	= 1 quart
4 quarts	= 1 gallon
31.5 gallons	= 1 barrel
2 barrels	= 1 hogshead

Metric Equivalents

1 inch	=	2.5400 centimeters
1 foot	=	0.3048 meter
1 yard	=	0.9144 meter
1 mile	=	1.6093 kilometers
1 centimeter	=	0.3937 inch
1 meter	=	39.3701 inches
1 kilometer	=	0.6214 mile
1 quart (dry)	=	1.1012 liters
1 quart (liquid)	=	0.9464 liter
1 gallon	=	3.7854 liters
1 liter	=	0.9081 dry quart
1 liter	=	1.0567 liquid quarts

Square

144 sq. inches	= 1 sq. foot
9 sq. feet	= 1 sq. yard
30.25 sq. yards	= 1 sq. rod
160 sq. rods	= 1 acre
640 acres	= 1 sq. mile

Circular

60 seconds	= 1 minute
60 minutes	= 1 degree
360 degrees	= 1 circle

Metric Equivalents

1 sq. inch	=	6.4516 sq. centimeters
1 sq. foot	=	929.0304 sq. centimeters
1 sq. mile	=	2.590 sq. kilometers
1 sq. centimeter	=	0.155 sq. inch
1 sq. meter	=	1.196 sq. yards
1 sq. kilometer	=	0.3861 sq. mile

Cubic

1,728 cu. inches	= 1 cu. foot
27 cu. feet	= 1 cu. yard
128 cu. feet	= 1 cord (wood)

Dry

2 pints	= 1 quart
8 quarts	= 1 peck
4 pecks	= 1 bushel

Metric Equivalents

1 cu. inch	=	16.3871 cu. centimeters
1 cu. inch	=	16.3871 milliliters
1 cu. foot	=	0.0283 cu. meter
1 cu. foot	=	28.3169 liters
1 cu. meter	=	35.3147 cu. feet
1 ounce (avdp.)	=	28.3495 grams
1 pound	=	0.4536 kilogram
1 gram	=	0.0353 ounce
1 kilogram	=	2.2046 pounds
1 ton (2,000 pounds)	=	907.1847 kilograms

Temperature Conversion Formulas

$$°F = 32 + (1.8 \times °C)$$

$$°C = \frac{°F - 32}{1.8}$$

THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM OF UNITS (SI)

Any prefix can be combined with any unit; e.g. milli- + ampere = milliampere (m + A = mA); kilo- + gram = kilogram (k + g = kg); mega- + hertz = megahertz (M + Hz = MHz).

SI base units and prefixes

unit	symbol	quantity	prefix	symbol	multiplier*
ampere	A	electric current	yotta-	Y	$\times 10^{24}$
candela	cd	luminous intensity	zetta-	Z	$\times 10^{21}$
			exa-	E	$\times 10^{18}$
kelvin	K	thermodynamic temperature	peta-	P	$\times 10^{15}$
			tera-	T	$\times 10^{12}$
kilogram	kg	mass	giga-	G	$\times 10^{9}$
meter	m	length	mega-	M	$\times 10^{6}$
mole	mol	amount of substance	kilo-	k	$\times 10^{3}$
			hecto-	h	$\times 10^{2}$
second	s	time	deka-; deca-	da	$\times 10$
			deci-	d	$\times 10^{-1}$
			centi-	c	$\times 10^{-2}$
			milli-	m	$\times 10^{-3}$
			micro-	μ	$\times 10^{-6}$
			nano-	n	$\times 10^{-9}$
			pico-	p	$\times 10^{-12}$
			femto-	f	$\times 10^{-15}$
			atto-	a	$\times 10^{-18}$
			zepto-	z	$\times 10^{-21}$
			yocto-	y	$\times 10^{-24}$

* $10^2 = 10 \times 10 = 100$; $10^3 = 10 \times 10 \times 10 = 1{,}000$; $10^{-1} = 1/10^1 = 0.1$; $10^{-2} = 1/10^2 = 0.01$
So, 2 km = 2×10^3 meters = 2,000 meters; 2 mm = 2×10^{-3} meter = 0.002 meter.

Common SI derived units with special names

name	symbol	quantity
coulomb	C	electric charge
degree Celsius	°C	temperature (0°C = 273.16 K)
hertz	Hz	frequency
joule	J	energy; work
newton	N	force
ohm	Ω	electric resistance
pascal	Pa	pressure; stress
volt	V	electric potential; EMF
watt	W	power

Other common units used with the SI

name	symbol	quantity
hectare	ha	area (=10,000 m^2 or 2.471 acres)
knot	kn; kt	speed (navigation) (= 1 NM per hour or 1.1508 mph)
liter	l; L	volume; capacity (= 1,000 cm^3)
metric ton	t	mass (= 1,000 kg)
nautical mile (U.S.)	NM	distance (navigation) (= 1.1508 statute miles)
standard atmosphere	atm	atmospheric pressure (= 101,325 Pa)

PRONUNCIATION KEY

Vowel Sounds

Symbol	*Key Words*
a	at, cap, parrot
ā	ape, play, sail
ä	cot, father, heart
e	ten, wealth, merry
ē	even, feet, money
i	is, stick, mirror
ī	ice, high, sky
ō	go, open, tone
ô	all, law, horn
o͝o	could, look, pull
yo͞o	cure, furious
o͞o	boot, crew, tune
yo͞o	cute, few, use
oi	boy, oil, royal
ou	cow, out, sour
u	mud, ton, blood, trouble
ʉ	her, sir, word
ə	ago, agent, collect, focus
ˡl	cattle, paddle
ˈn	sudden, sweeten

Consonant Sounds

Symbol	*Key Words*
b	bed, table, rob
d	dog, middle, sad
f	for, phone, cough
g	get, wiggle, dog
h	hat, hope, ahead
hw	which, white
j	joy, badge, agent
k	kill, cat, quiet
l	let, yellow, ball
m	meet, number, time
n	net, candle, ton
p	put, sample, escape
r	red, wrong, born
s	sit, castle, office
t	top, letter, cat
v	voice, every, love
w	wet, always, quart
y	yes, canyon, onion
z	zoo, misery, rise
ch	chew, nature, punch
sh	shell, machine, bush
th	thin, nothing, truth
th	then, other, bathe
zh	beige, measure, seizure
ŋ	ring, anger, drink

Symbols for foreign sounds are explained in the Guide to Pronunciation, p. ix.

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